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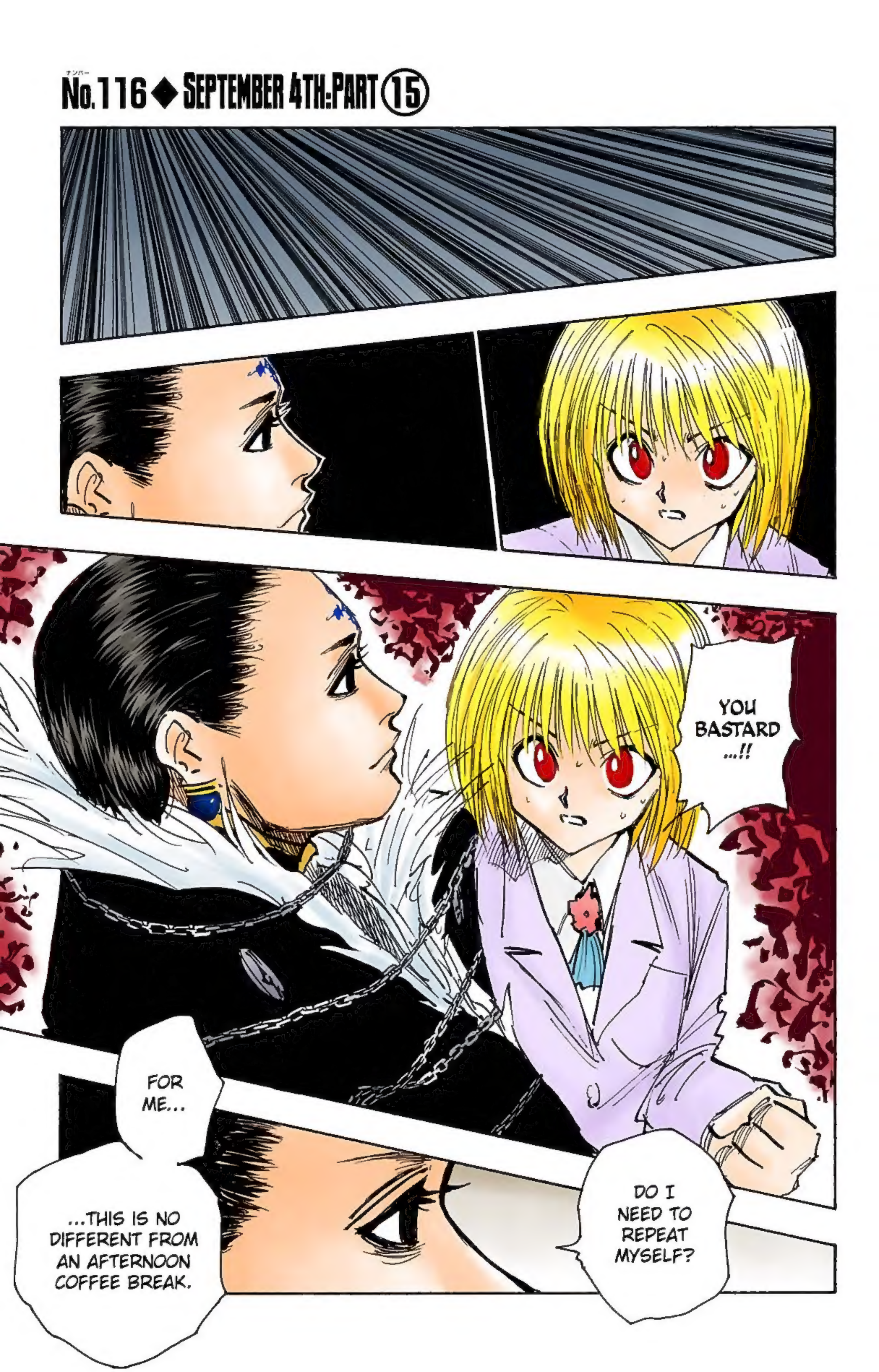

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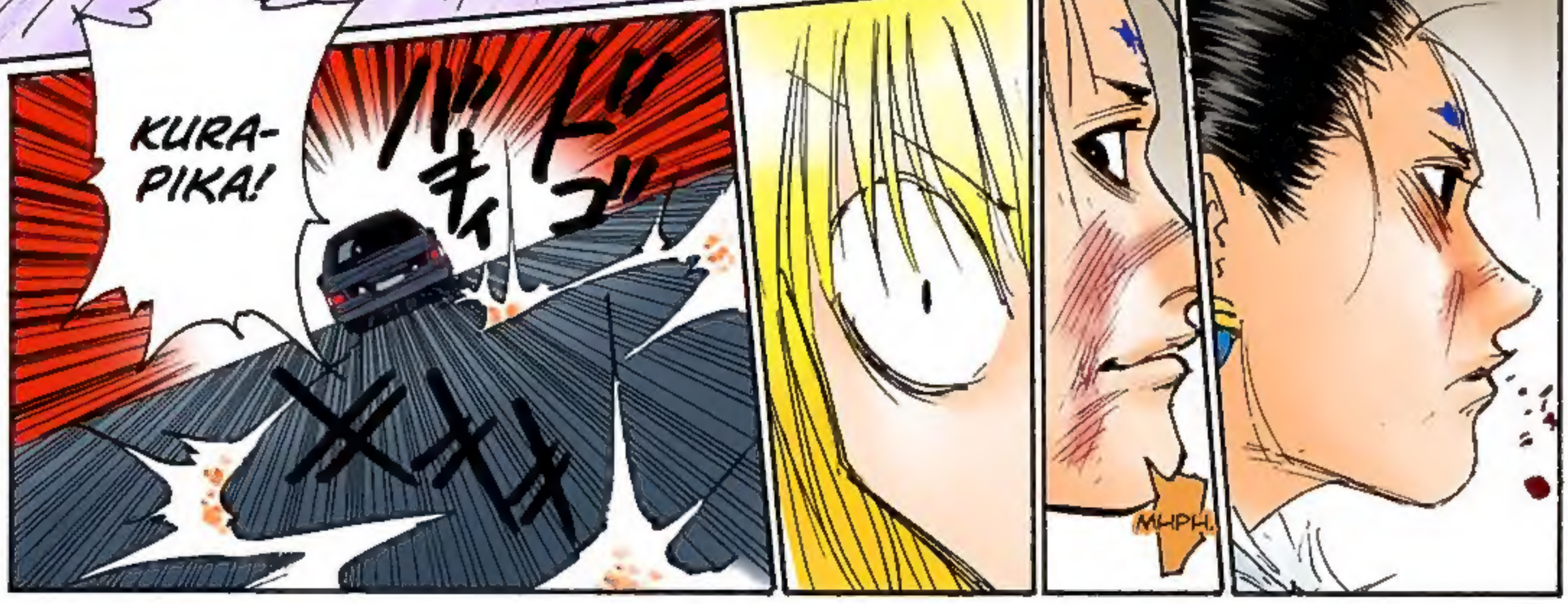

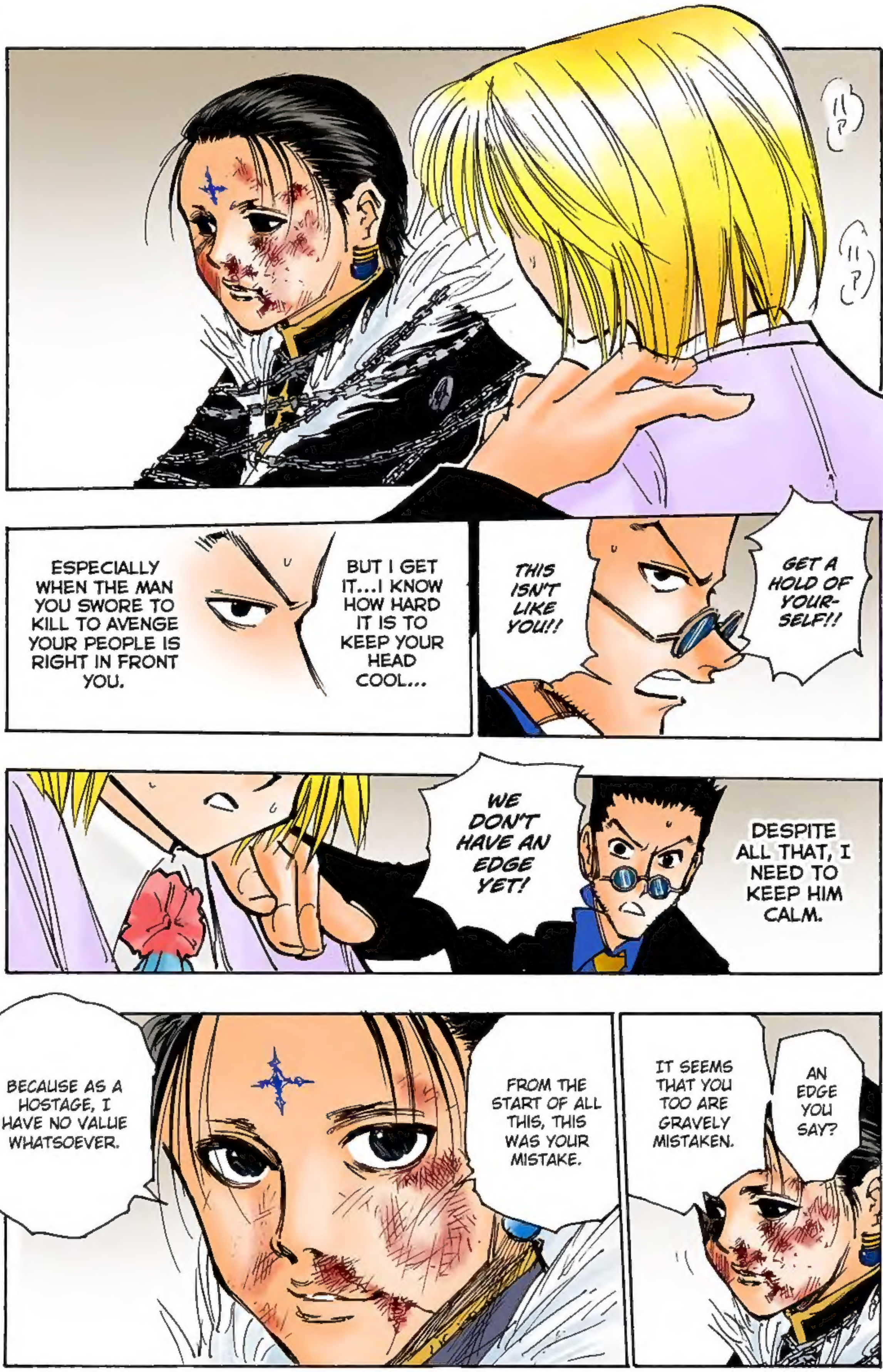
ESPECIALLY WHEN THE MAN YOU SWORE TO KILL TO AVENGE YOUR PEOPLE IS RIGHT IN FRONT YOU.
BUT I GET IT...I KNOW HOW HARD IT IS TO KEEP YOUR HEAD COOL...
THIS ISN'T LIKE YOU!!
GET A HOLD OF YOUR-SELF!!
WE DON'T HAVE AN EDGE YET!
DESPITE ALL THAT, I NEED TO KEEP HIM CALM.
BECAUSE AS A HOSTAGE, I HAVE NO VALUE WHATSOEVER.
FROM THE START OF ALL THIS, THIS WAS YOUR MISTAKE.
IT SEEMS THAT YOU TOO ARE GRAVELY MISTAKEN.
AN EDGE YOU SAY?

HE'S NOT LYING.

...I'LL PROMISE YOU'LL REGRET IT.

IF YOU KEEP ON TALKING...

EVERYTHING HE IS SAYING IS TRUE.

IN THIS SCENARIO, YOU'RE THE ONES WHO ARE CORNERED.

THAT'S RIGHT... MY TRUTH.

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IT'S AS IF THE IDEA OF STAYING ALIVE HASN'T EVEN CROSSED HIS MIND...!

I DON'T HEAR ANY ABNORMALITIES INDICATING FEAR OR UNEASINESS OF DEATH.

THIS IS THE SOUND OF... SOMEONE WHO HAS ALREADY ACCEPTED DEATH...!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

THE MELODY OF HIS HEART BEAT IS NORMAL.

I CAN'T SENSE ANY KIND OF PANIC IN HIM.

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HOW CAN THIS BE...?!

HOW CAN SOMEONE LIKE HIM PRODUCE SUCH A SOUND?!

BUT IT'S A HAPPY MELODY...

SOMEONE WHO LIVES DAY BY DAY, ALWAYS WITH DEATH AT HIS SIDE...

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NEITHER HIS OR YOURS!!

I DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT ANYMORE !!

THAT'S IT, ENOUGH!

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MELODY ...!!

THE SPIDERS.

YOU...OR RATHER..

..."ALL OF YOU", WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?!

BUT THE FACT THAT HE IS THEIR LEADER IS TRUE WAS WELL!

THAT MAN REALLY BELIEVES THAT HE HAS NO VALUE AS A HOSTAGE.

WERE YOU ALREADY THE BOSS OF THE SPIDERS?

FIVE YEARS AGO, WHEN YOU SLAUGHTERED THE KURTA CLAN FOR THEIR SCARLET EYES...

...THE CHAIN YOU USED TO BEAT UVO?

IS THAT...

ANSWER ME!

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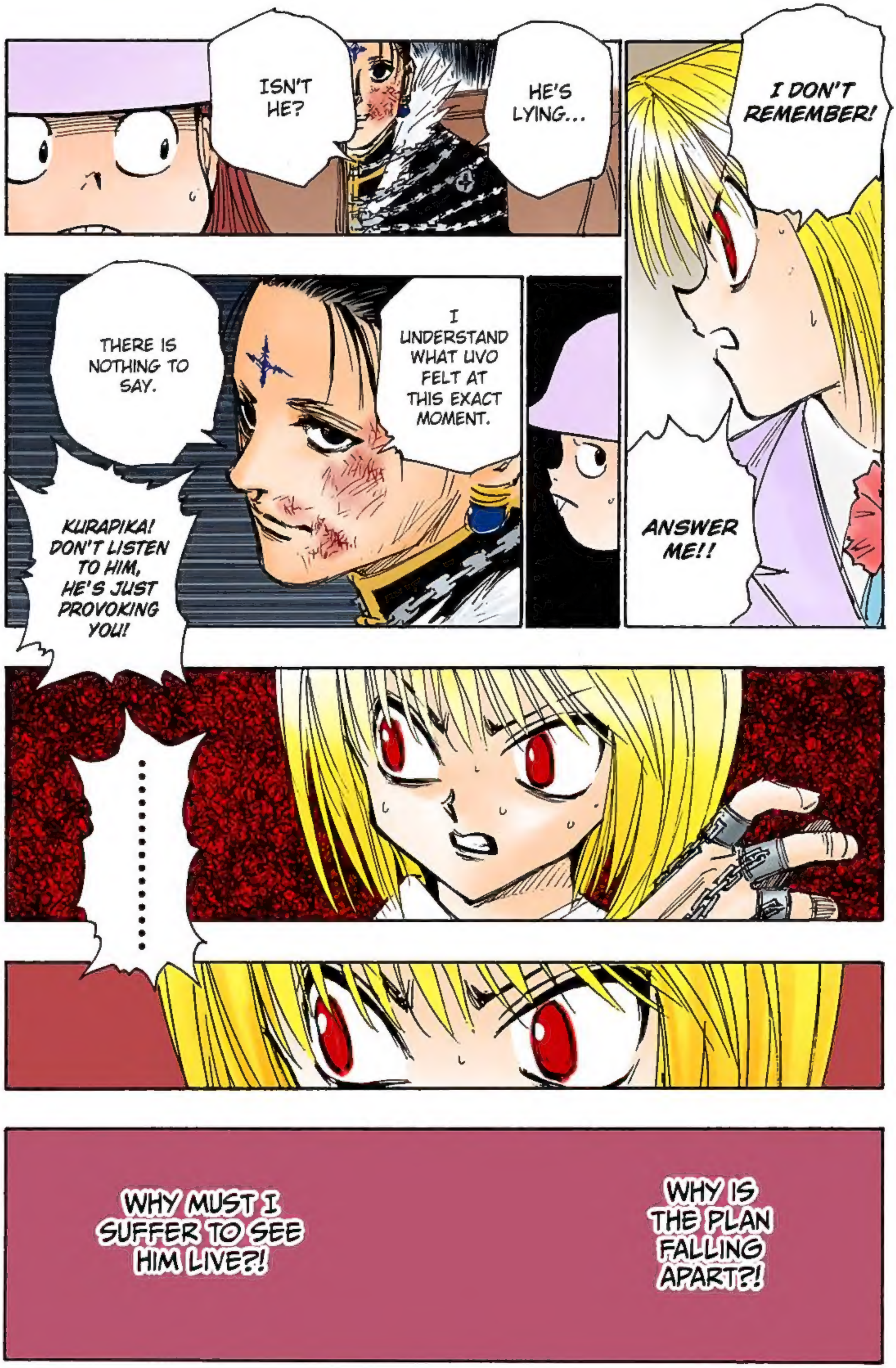
...WHAT WERE HIS LAST WORDS?

BEFORE DYING...


ISN'T HE?
HE'S LYING...
I DON'T REMEMBER!
THERE IS NOTHING TO SAY.
I UNDERSTAND WHAT UVO FELT AT THIS EXACT MOMENT.
ANSWER ME!!
KURAPIKA! DON'T LISTEN TO HIM, HE'S JUST PROVOKING YOU!
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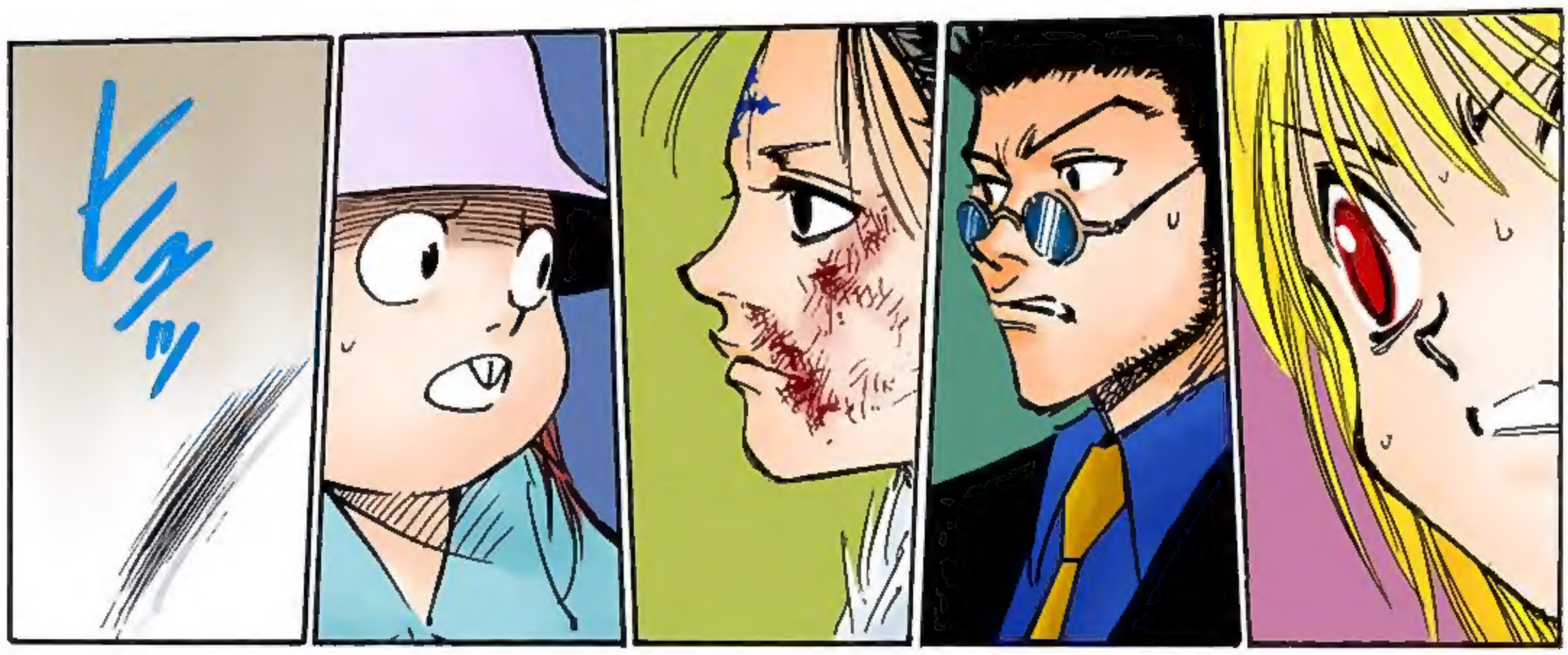
WHY MUST I SUFFER TO SEE HIM LIVE?!
WHY IS THE PLAN FALLING APART?!

BUT I CAN'T... ...KILL HIM...!!



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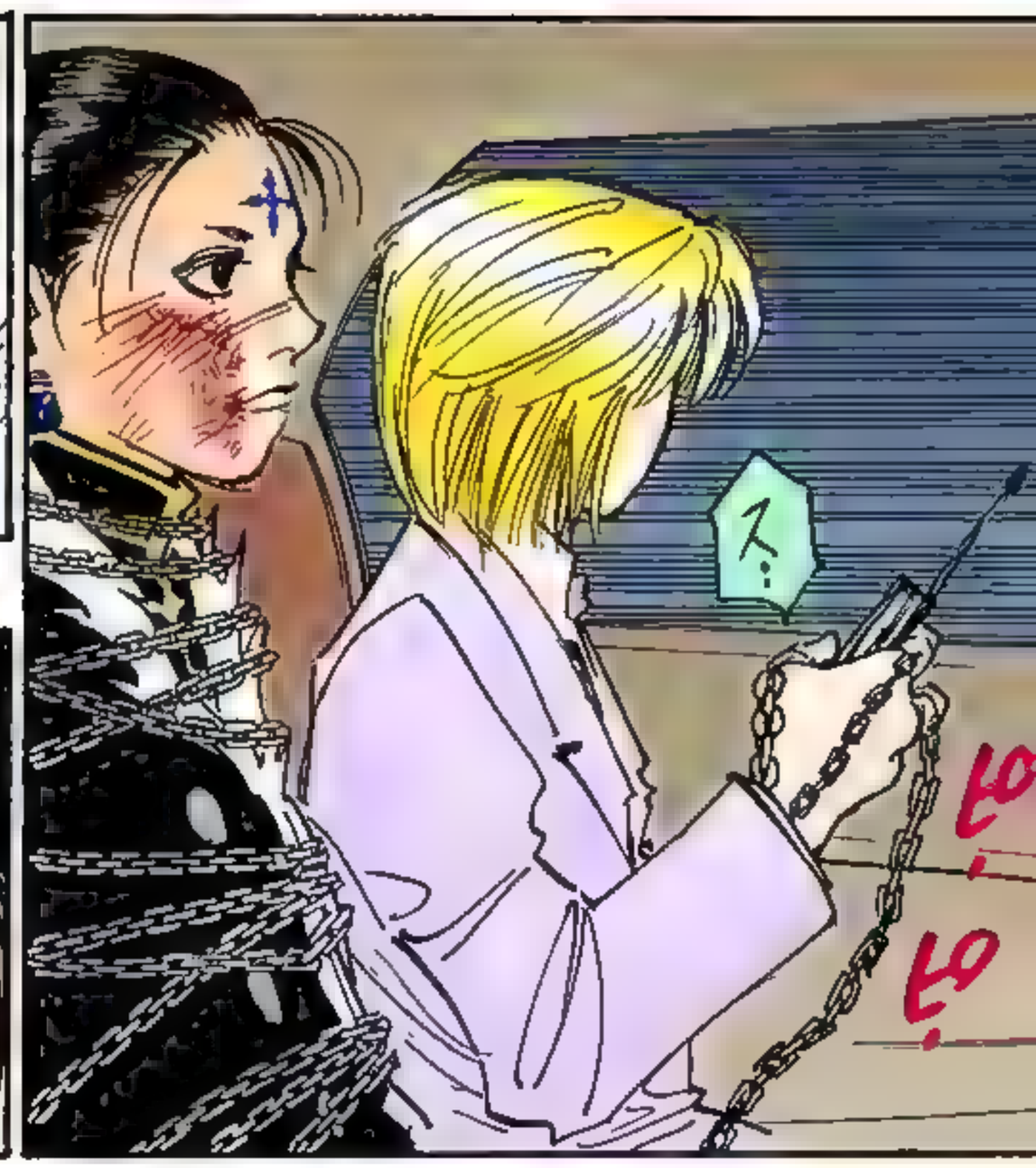
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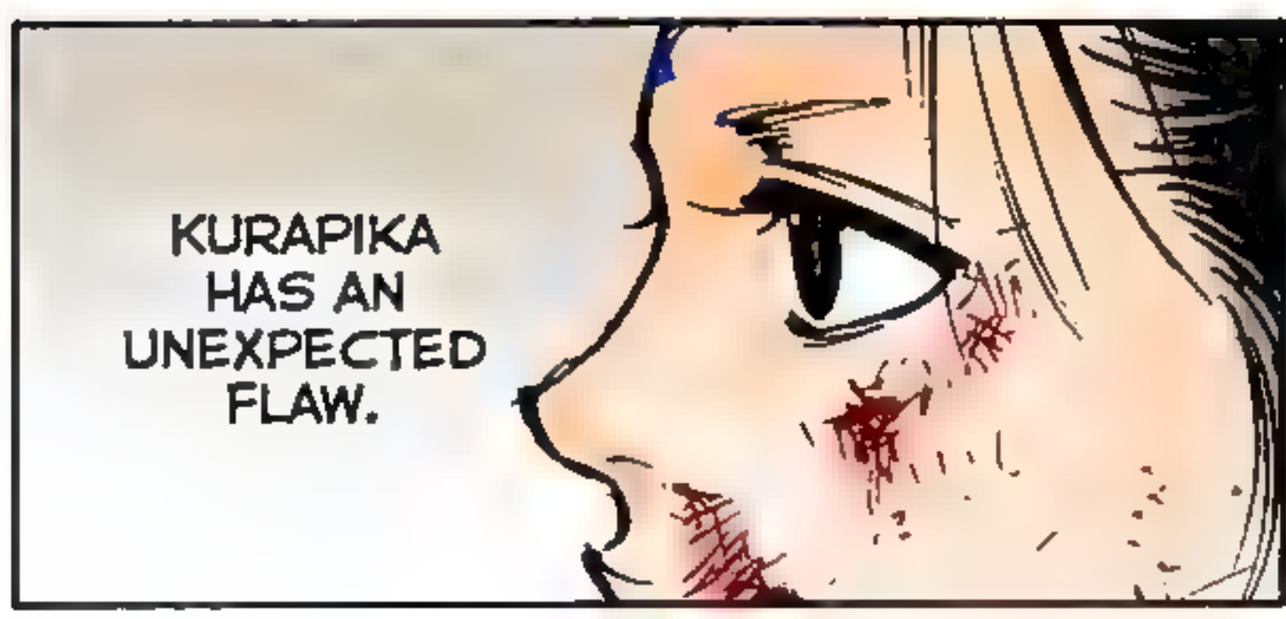

KURAPIKA HAS AN UNEXPECTED FLAW.

...HAS WEAKNESS !!
THE CHAIN USER...

I'M CERTAIN OF IT ...!!
WE CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS.

GO!

COME, YOU MUST BRING OTHERS!!

WHAT'S BRING ONE HERE!!

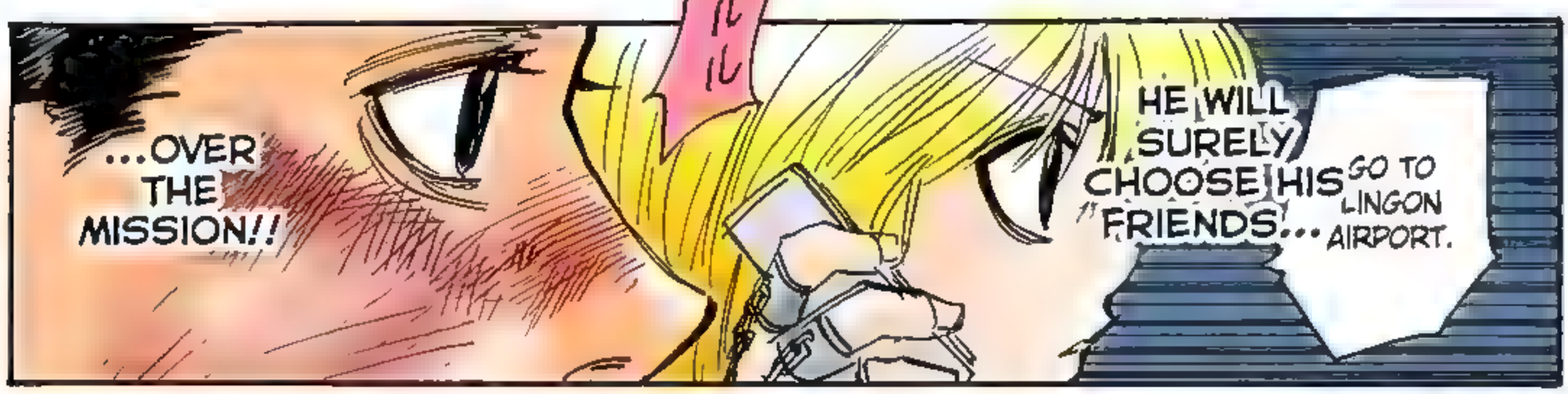
SORRY SIR...

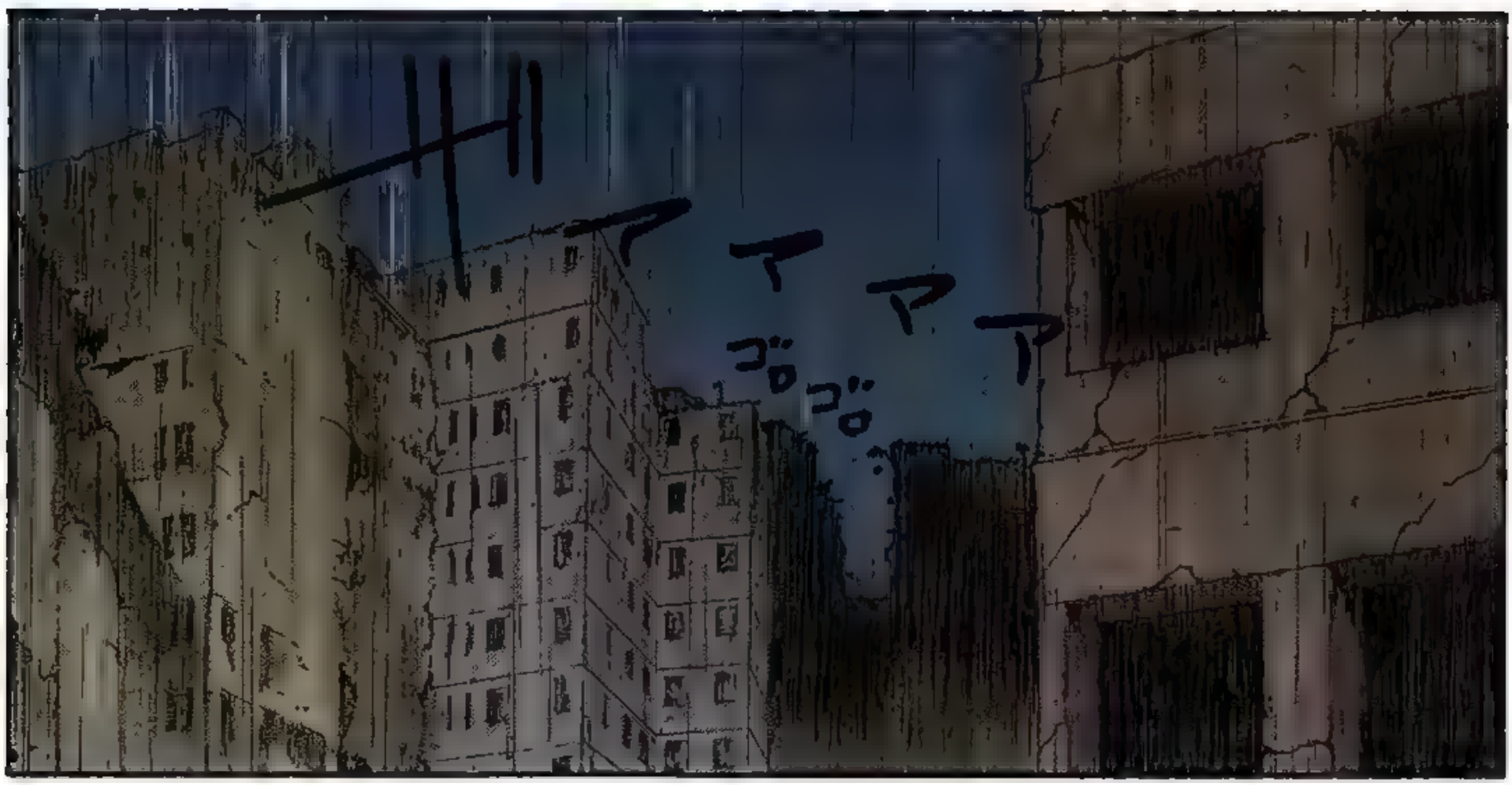
WE'RE LOOKING INTO IT...

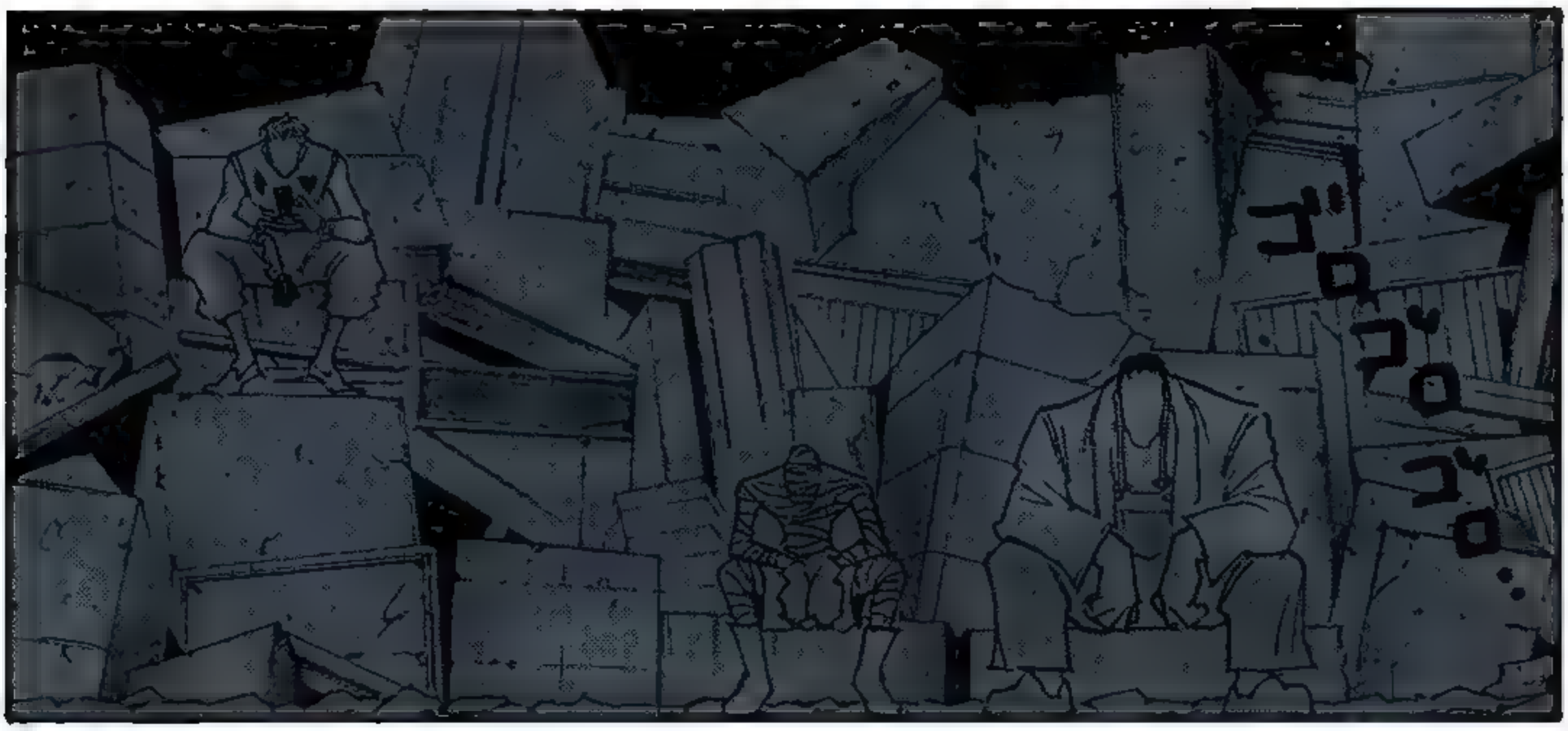
IF WE CAN TRACK THE CAR HE IS ON...

PAKUNODA, YOU MUST NOT HESITATE...

I'LL TAKE HIM!



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I'LL GO AND CHECK.
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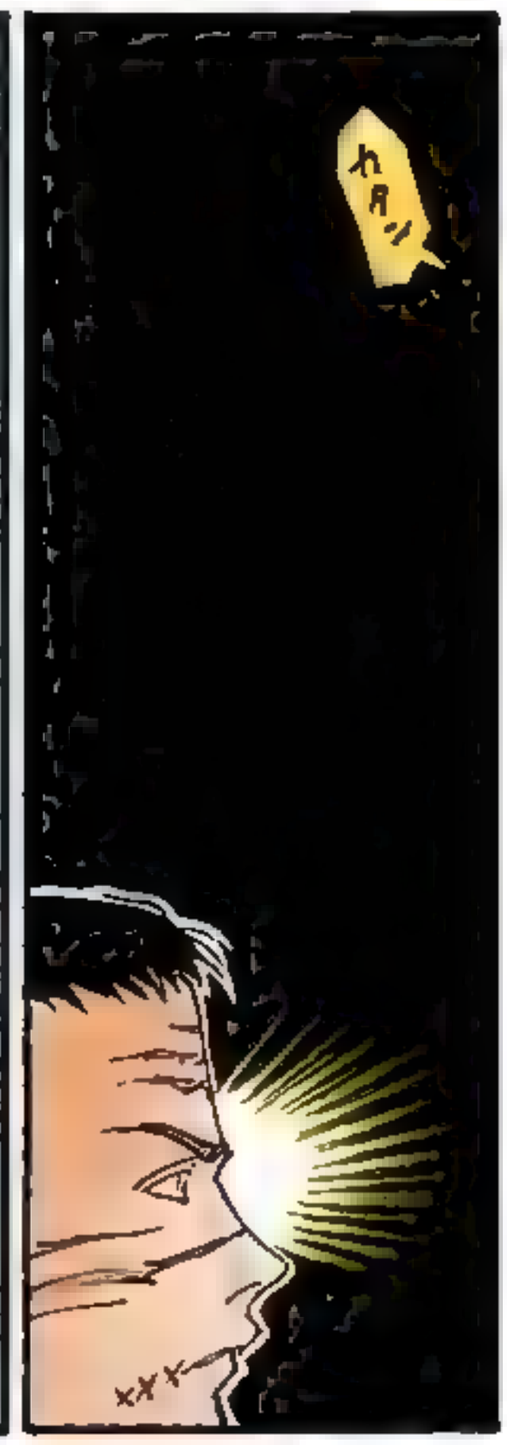
IS SOMEONE THERE?!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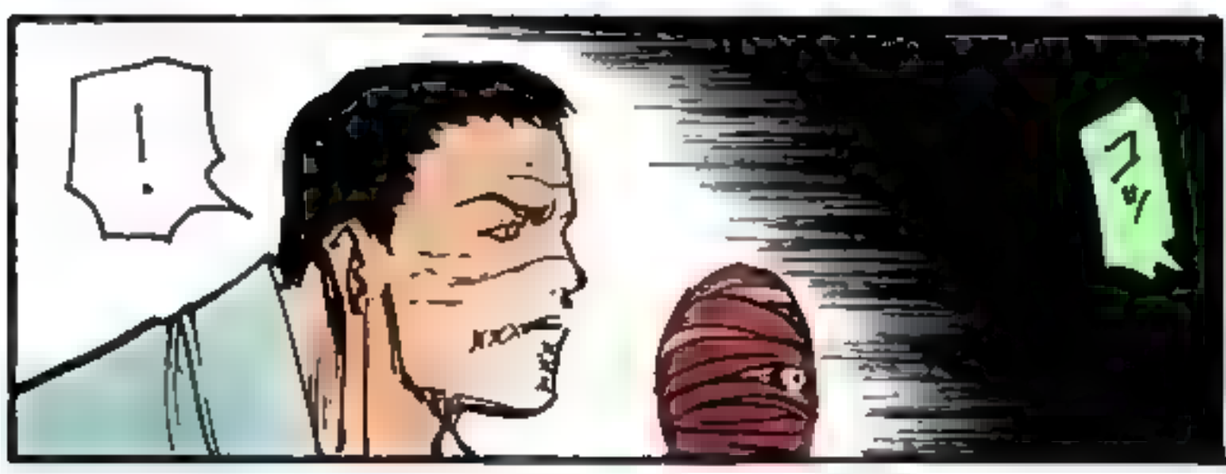
DON'T WORRY. ♣
HEY! BE CAREFUL.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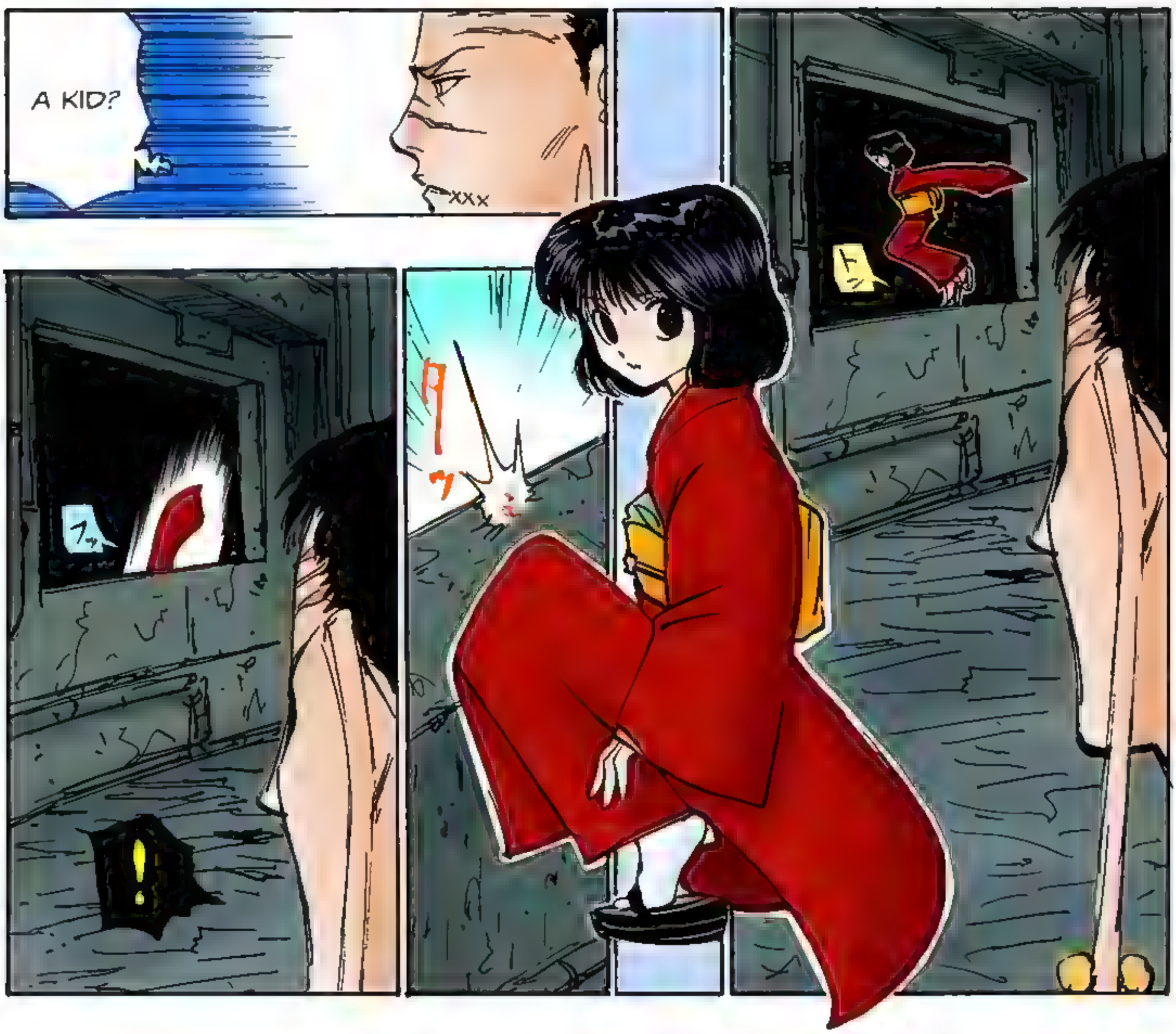
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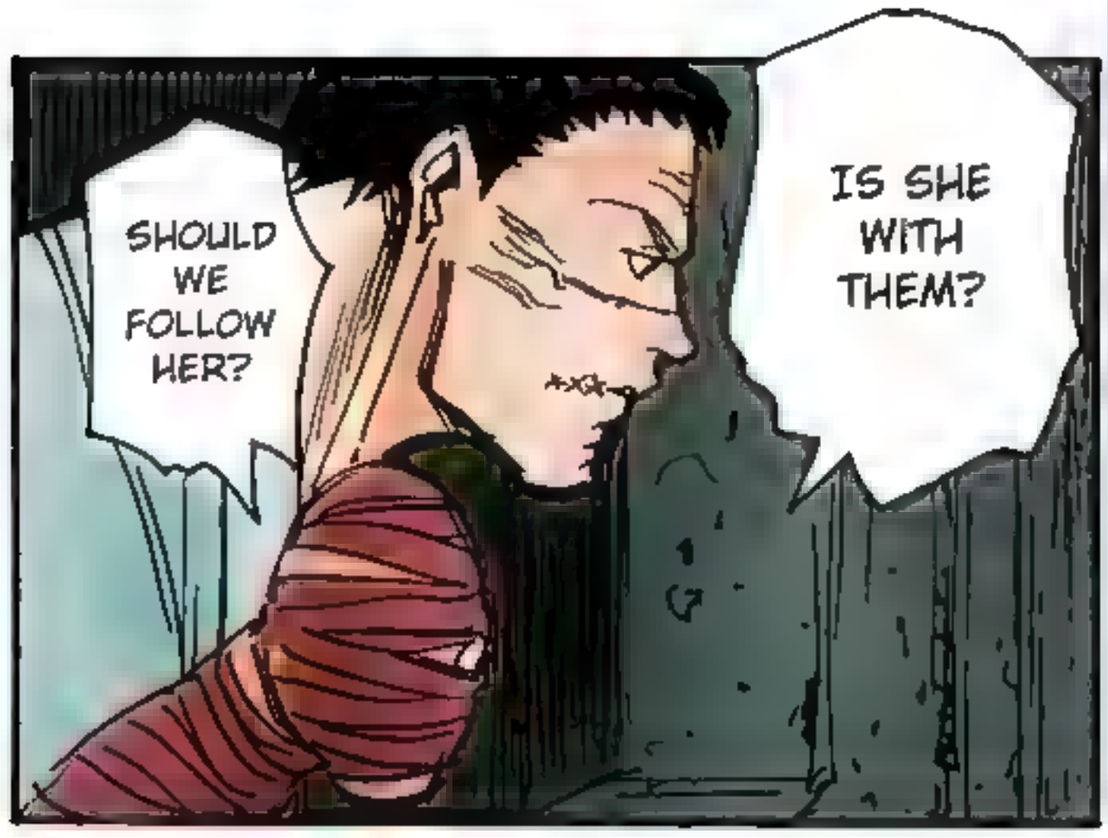
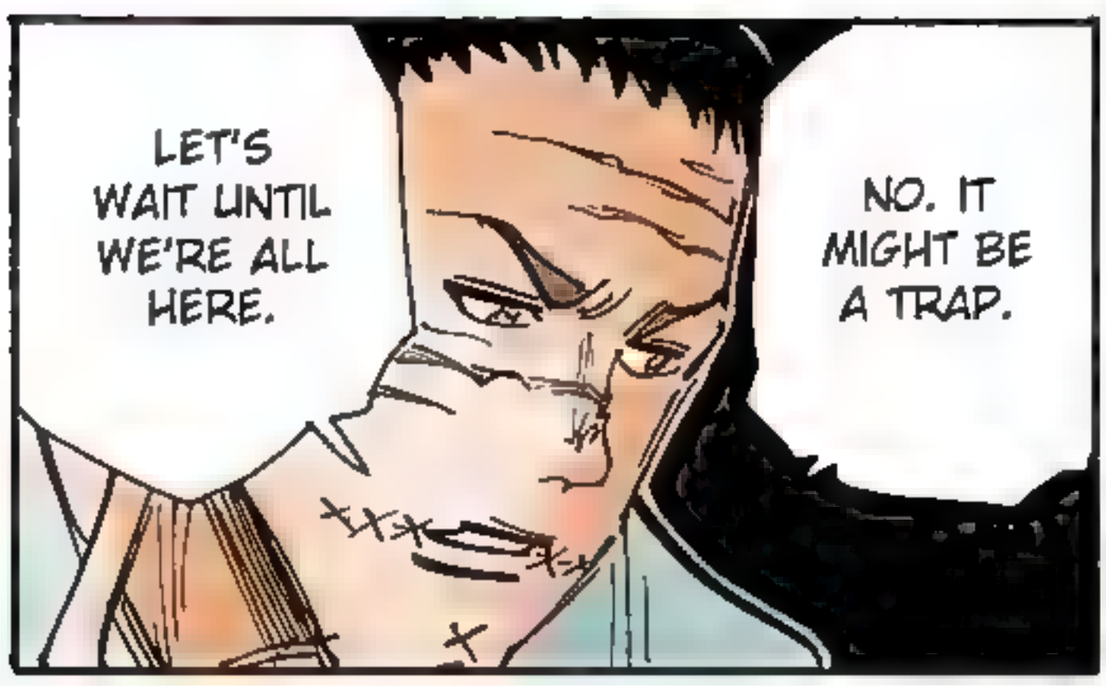
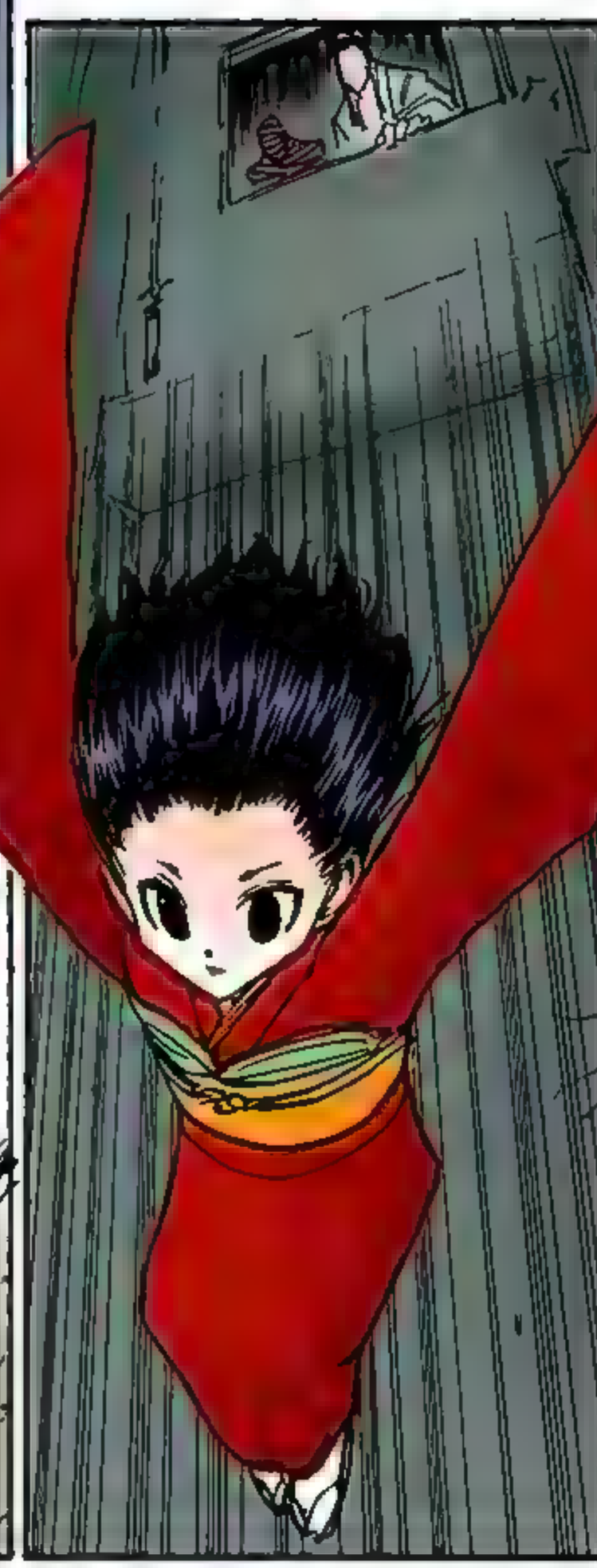
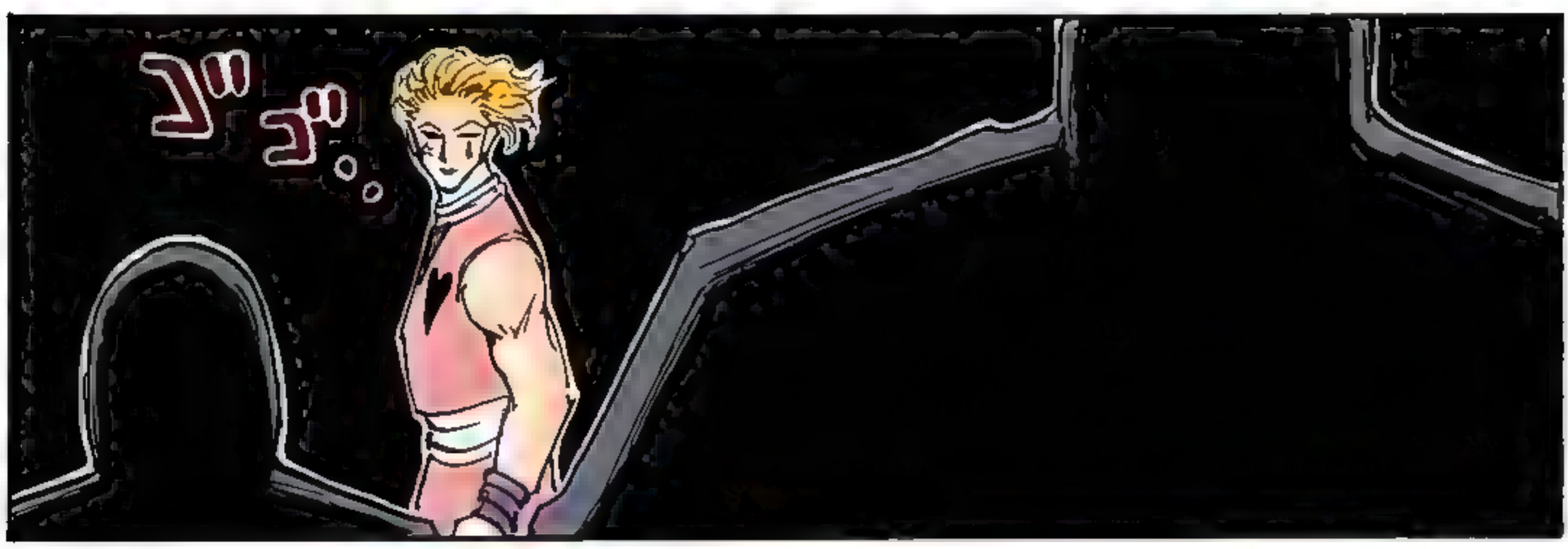

SHOULD WE FOLLOW HER?
IS SHE WITH THEM?


LET'S WAIT UNTIL WE'RE ALL HERE.
NO. IT MIGHT BE A TRAP.

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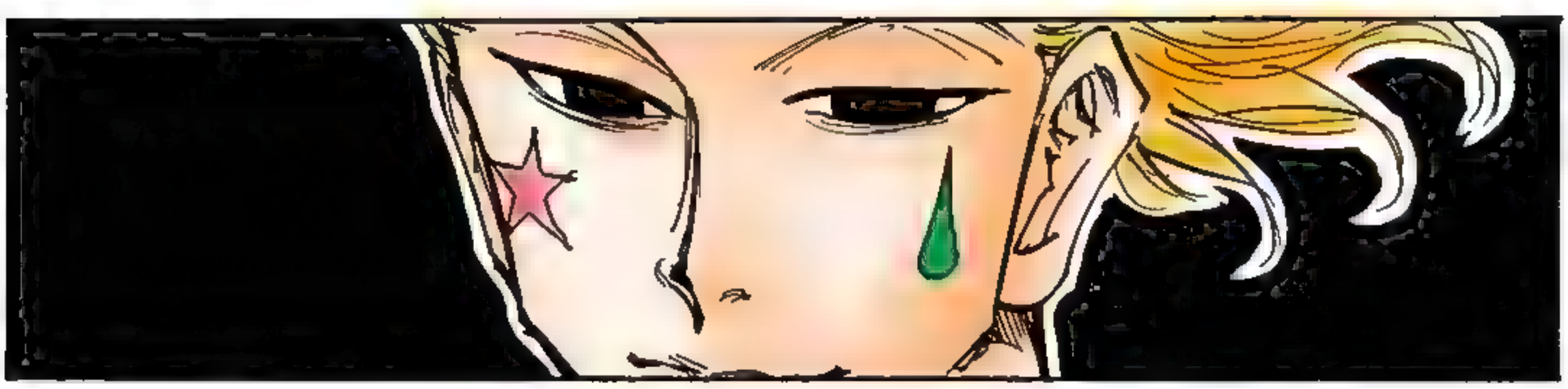

GET IN AND WAIT BY THE DOOR.
THERE'S AN AIRSHIP ON LANDING STRIPS 3 OF THE AIRPORT.
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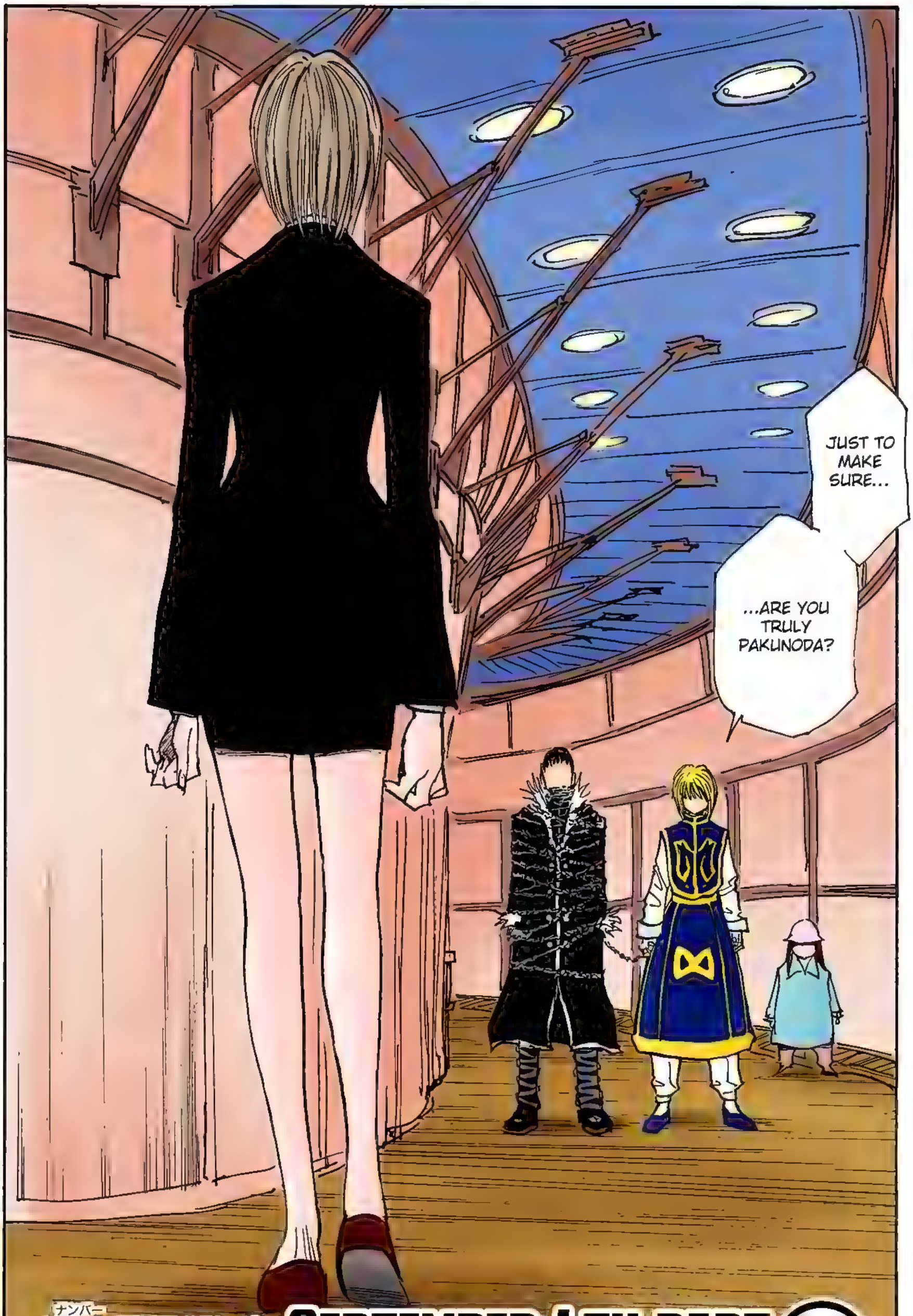

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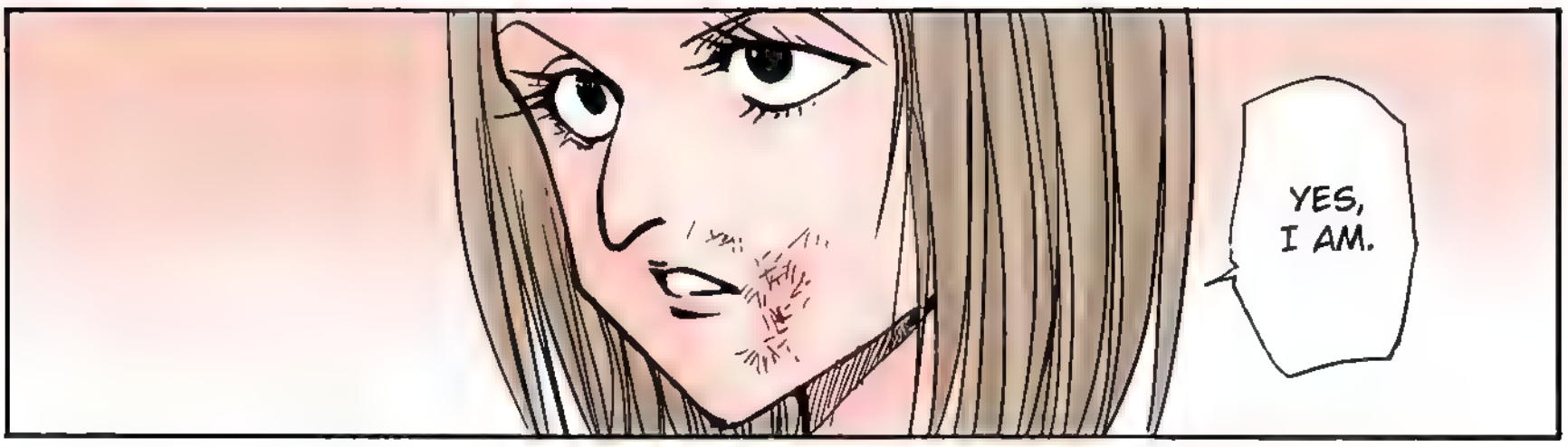
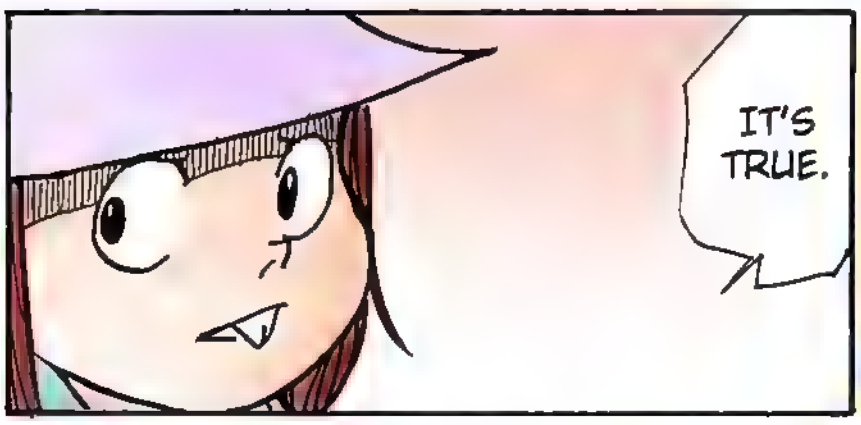
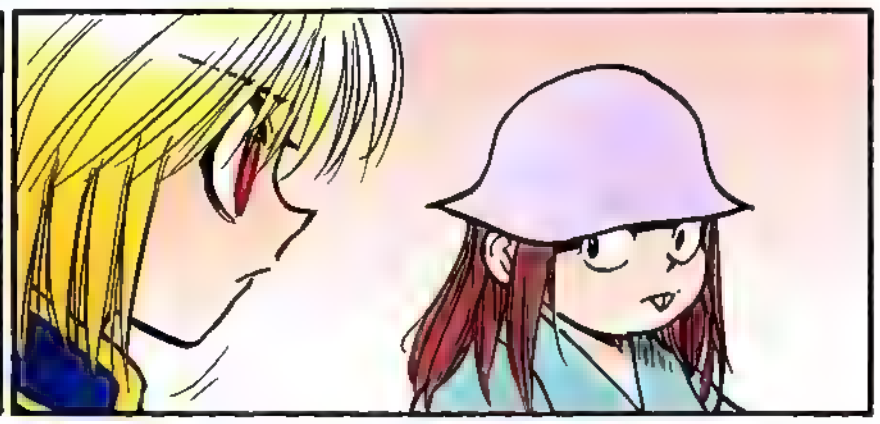
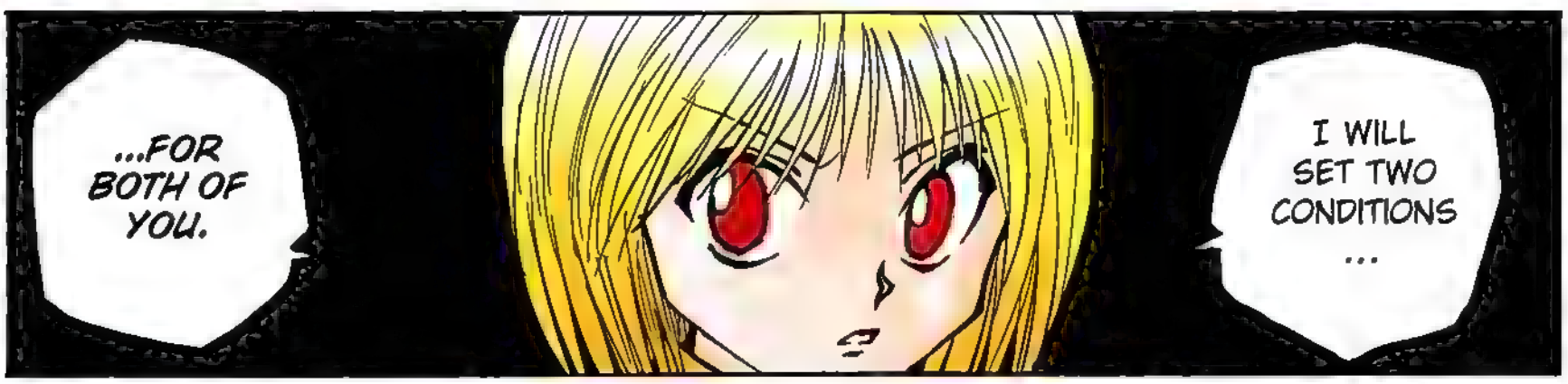
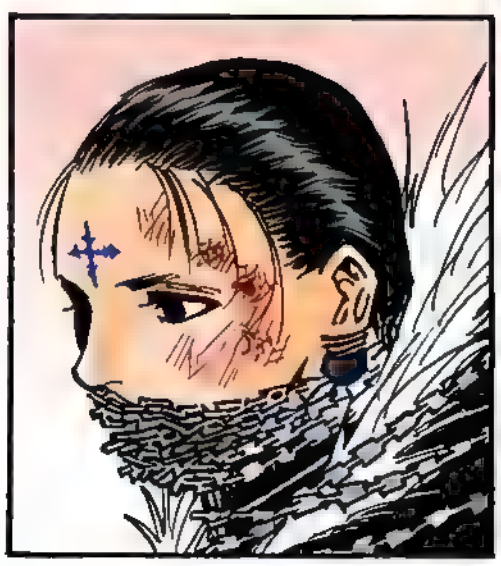

YES, I AM.

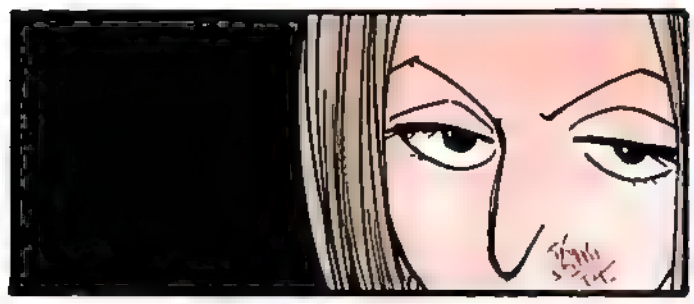

IT'S TRUE.

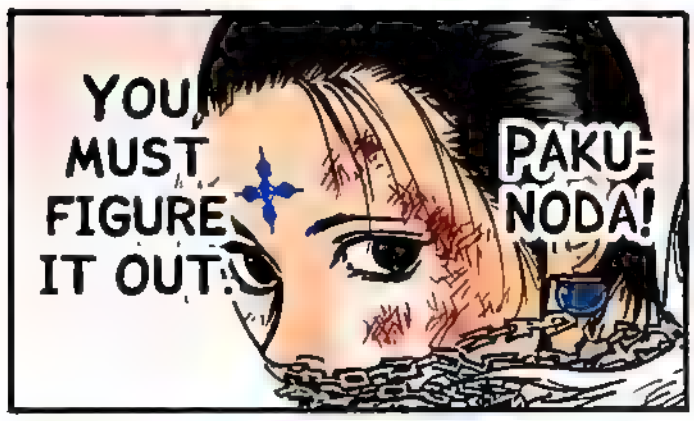


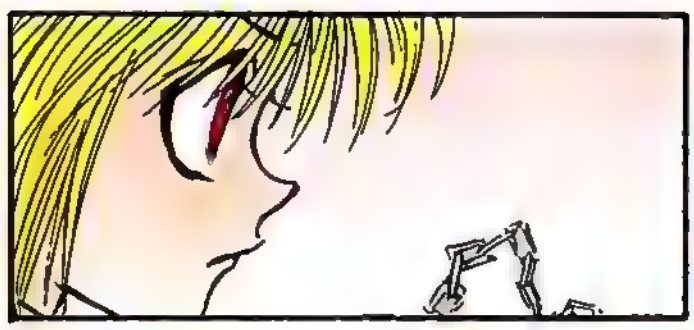

...FOR BOTH OF YOU.
I WILL SET TWO CONDITIONS ...

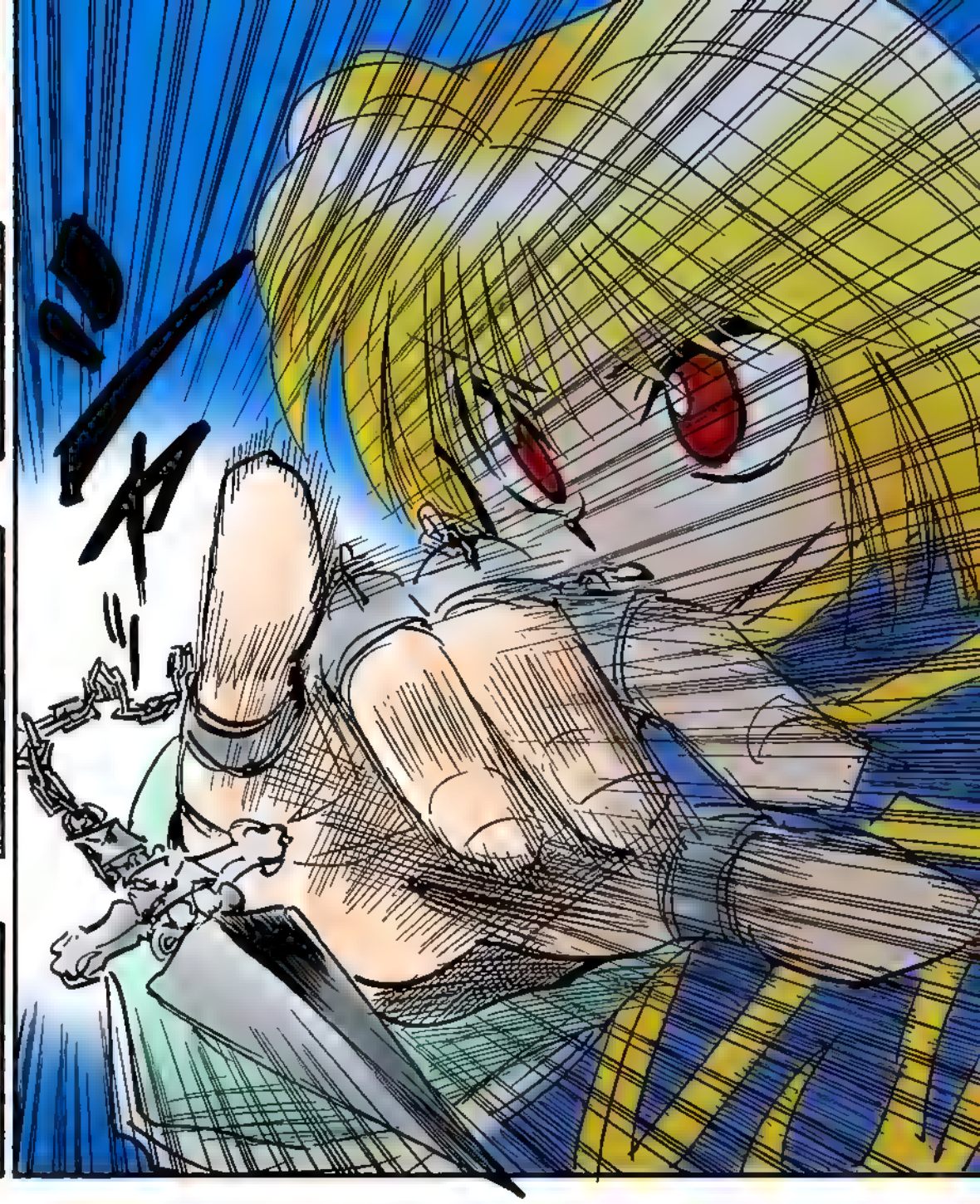


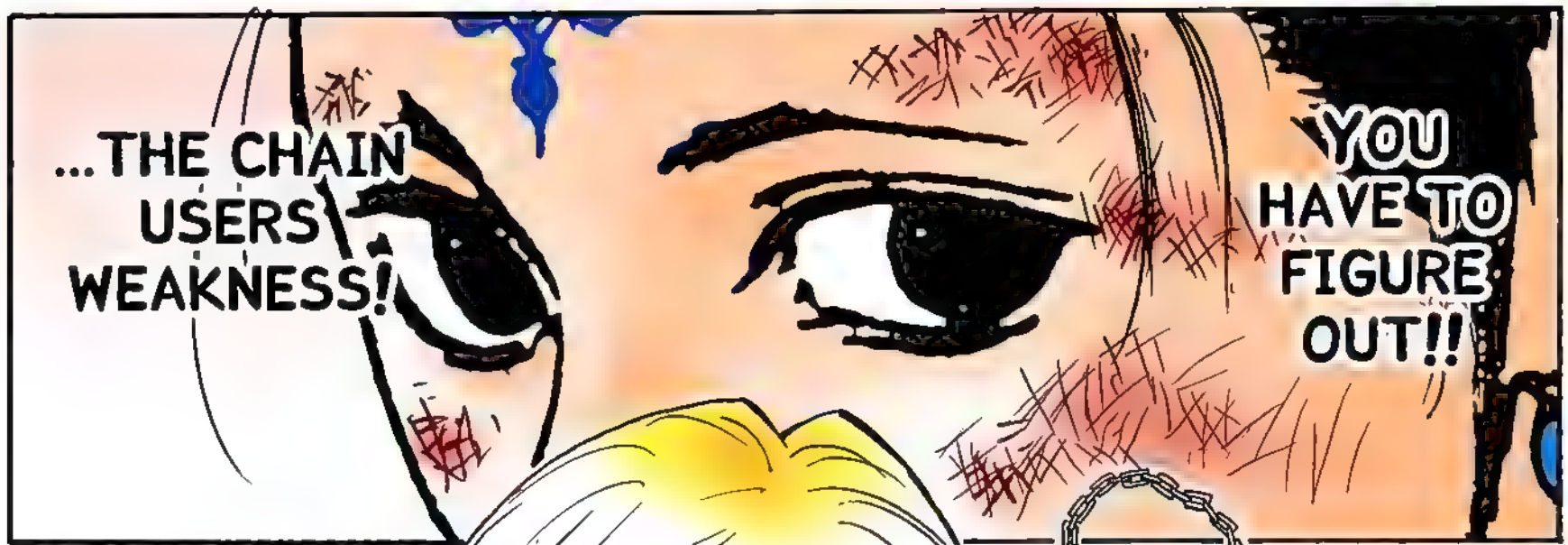
I WILL LET YOUR LEADER GO IF YOU ADHERE TO THEM.



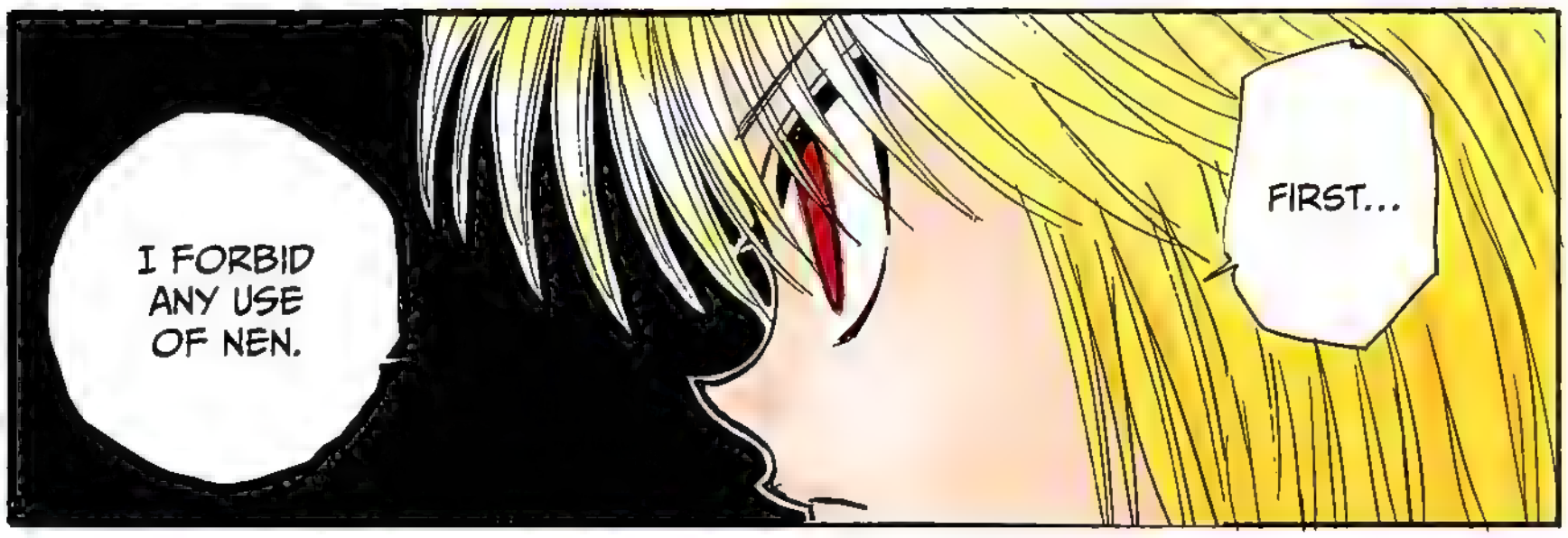

YOU MUST FIGURE IT OUT!
PAKU-NODA!

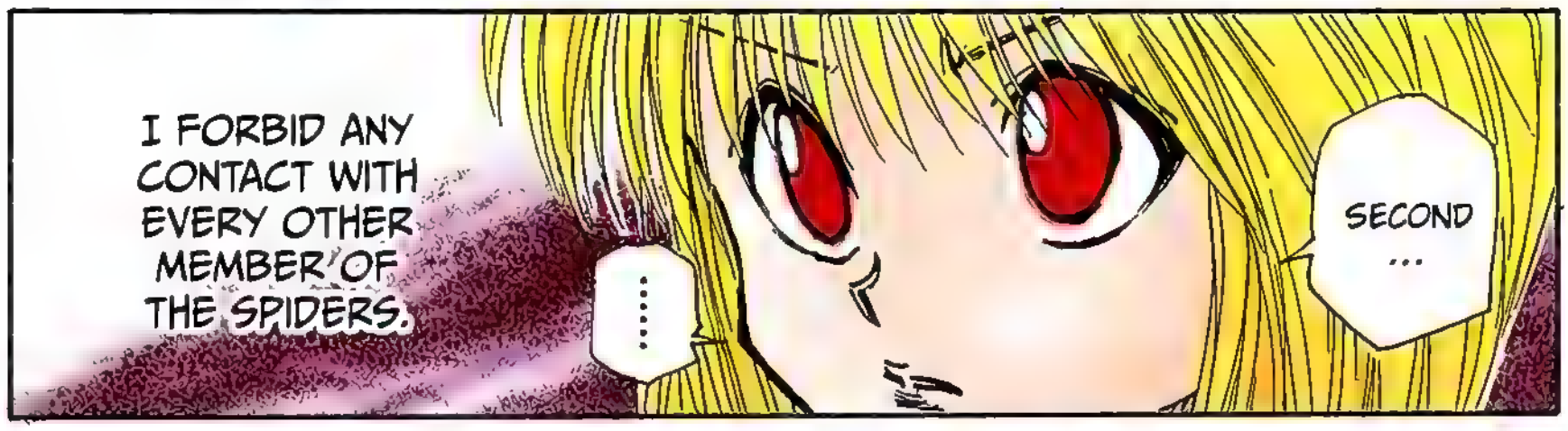





...THE CHAIN USERS WEAKNESS!
YOU HAVE TO FIGURE OUT!!

THE RESTRICTIONS FOR YOUR LEADER.
LET'S BEGIN...


I FORBID ANY USE OF NEN.
FIRST...


I FORBID ANY CONTACT WITH EVERY OTHER MEMBER OF THE SPIDERS.
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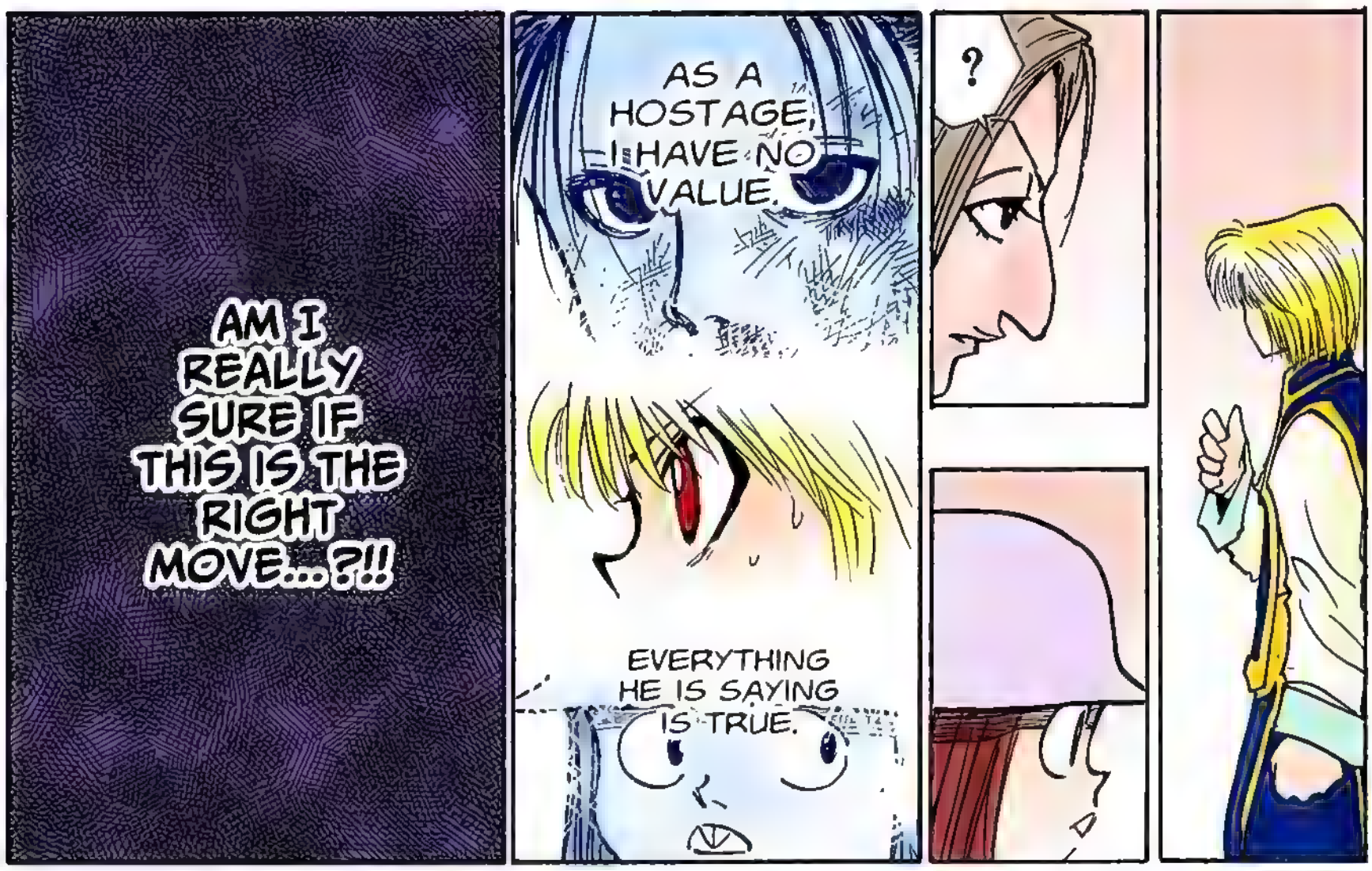
SECOND ...


AM I REALLY SURE IF THIS IS THE RIGHT MOVE...?!!
AS A HOSTAGE, I HAVE NO VALUE.
EVERYTHING HE IS SAYING IS TRUE.
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EVEN WITHOUT THE HEAD, THE SPIDERS WILL REMAIN AND LIVE ON...!!

I THOUGHT IF DIVIDING THE HEAD OF THE SPIDERS IT WOULD MAKE THEM FALL APART...!! BUT THAT IS NOT HOW THEY WORK...

IF ANYTHING COULD UNDO THIS BIND, IT WOULD BE A MIRACLE...!!

WHAT IF IT FINALLY ENDS WITH NO RESULTS!! IS THERE ANYTHING MORE I'D BE ABLE TO DO?!

I CAN'T BE SURE THAT THE RESULTS WILL BE THE DOWNFALL OF THEIR GROUP...!!!

THEIR BOSS ISN'T ALWAYS INDISPENSABILE, THIS IS A GROUP THAT CAN SURVIVE WITHOUT THEIR LEADER, DEPENDING ON THE SITUATION... EACH OF THEM ARE THE SPIDERS!!

EVEN IF DEPRIVED THE LEADER OF HIS MOVEMENTS!!

I CAN'T THINK OF IT!!

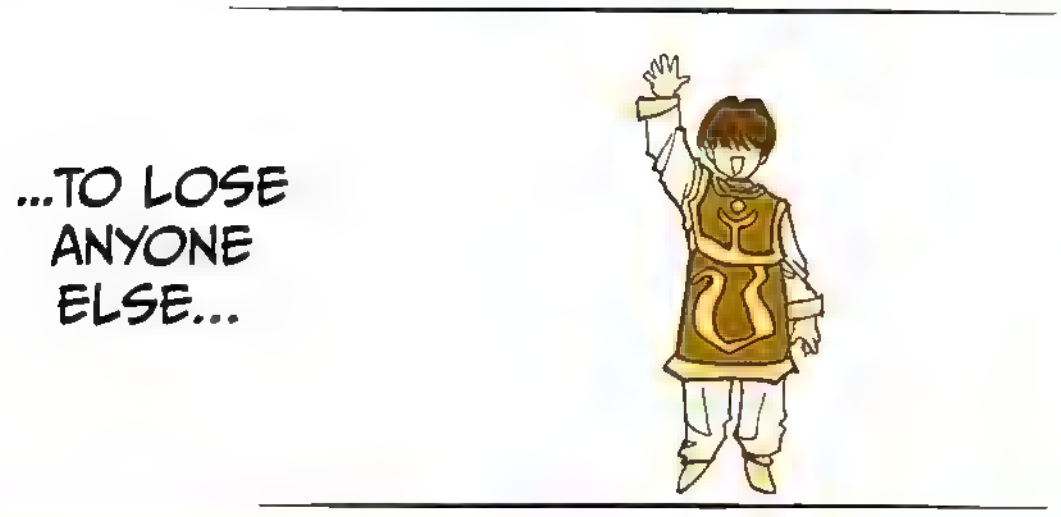
NO...

THAT IS MY TOP PRIORITY!!

I MUST GET GON AND KILLUA BACK.

NO, THIS IS RIGHT...

...THIS IS WHAT I SHOULD DO.



NEVER AGAIN!!

I FORBID ANY CONTACT WITH EVERY OTHER MEMBER OF THE SPIDERS FROM NOW ON!!

SECOND RULE.

WHETHER OR NOT YOU AGREE WITH THIS RULE.

PAKUNODA, YOU WILL CHOOSE...

THOSE ARE THE RESTRIC-TIONS.

TO MAKE SURE YOU FOLLOW SET RULES, I WILL STAB YOUR LEADER WITH MY JUDGEMENT CHAIN.

I AGREE.

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JUDGEMENT CHAIN!!

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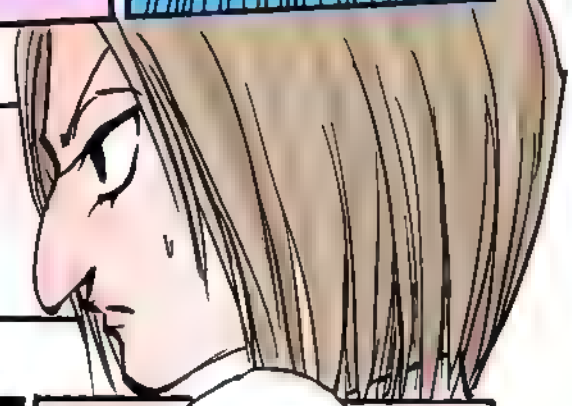
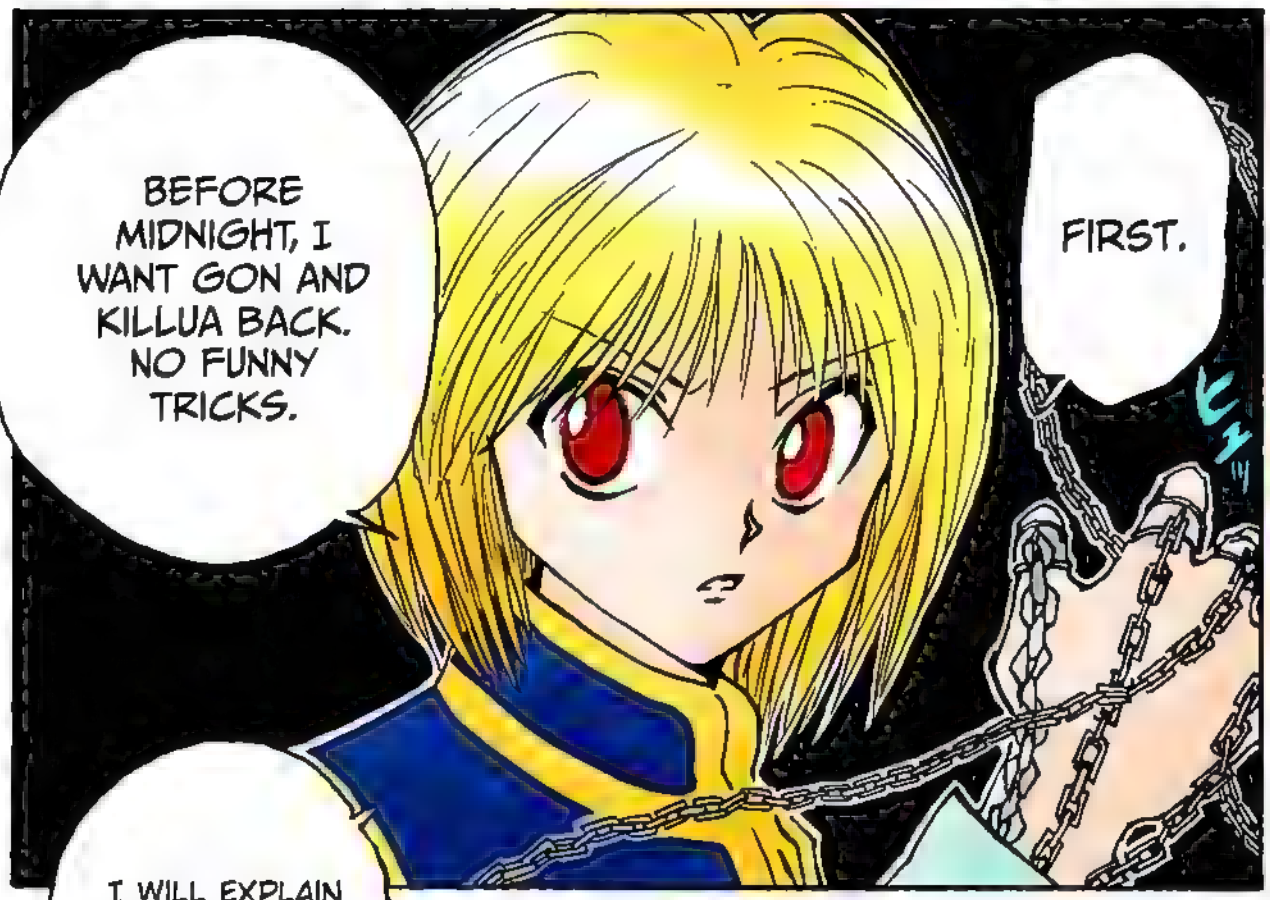
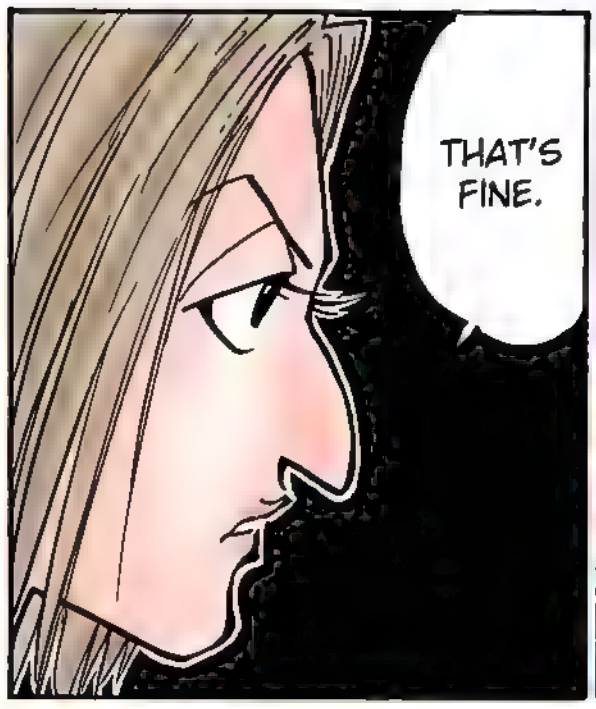
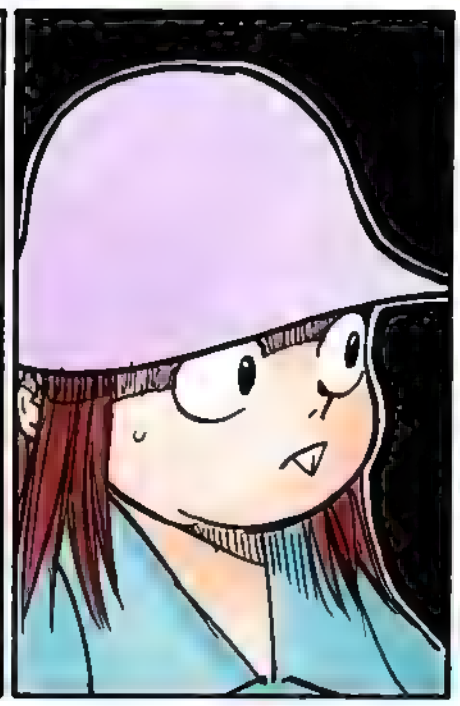




YOU WILL NOT REVEAL ANYTHING ABOUT ME TO THE OTHER MEMBERS.

SECOND.





I'LL BE ABLE TO KNOW IF ANYTHING CHANGES.

I HAVEN'T MET GON, BUT I KNOW KILLUA'S HEARTBEAT VERY WELL.

THAT WILL DO.

...WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO TELL ME BY THE BEAT OF THEIR HEART?

IF GON AND KILLUA WE'RE BEING MANIPULATED BY THEM...

YES I CAN.

MELODY.

KURAPIKA...

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THIS IS HOW THE EXCHANGE WILL TAKE PLACE.

IF THE SPIDERS WE'RE TRULY THE INHUMAN CRIMINALS THEY'RE BELIEVED TO ARE...

...THIS HOSTAGE EXCHANGE SITUATION CAN'T POSSIBLY WORK!!

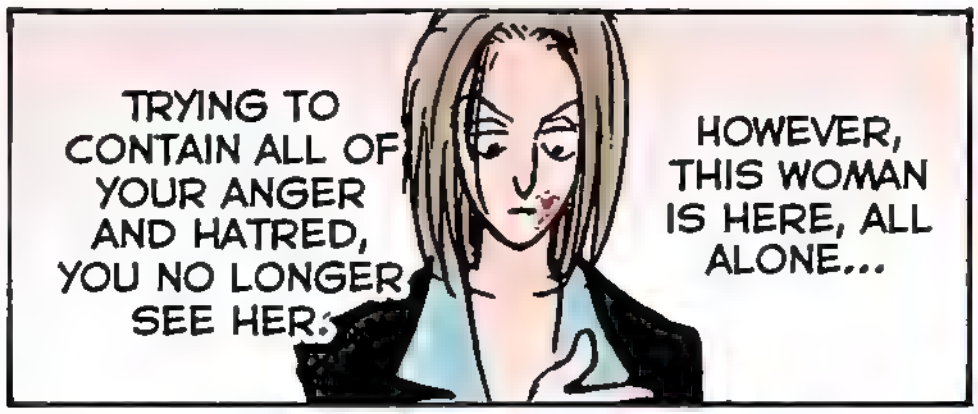
WHY DID PAKUNODA COME ALL ON HER OWN...?!

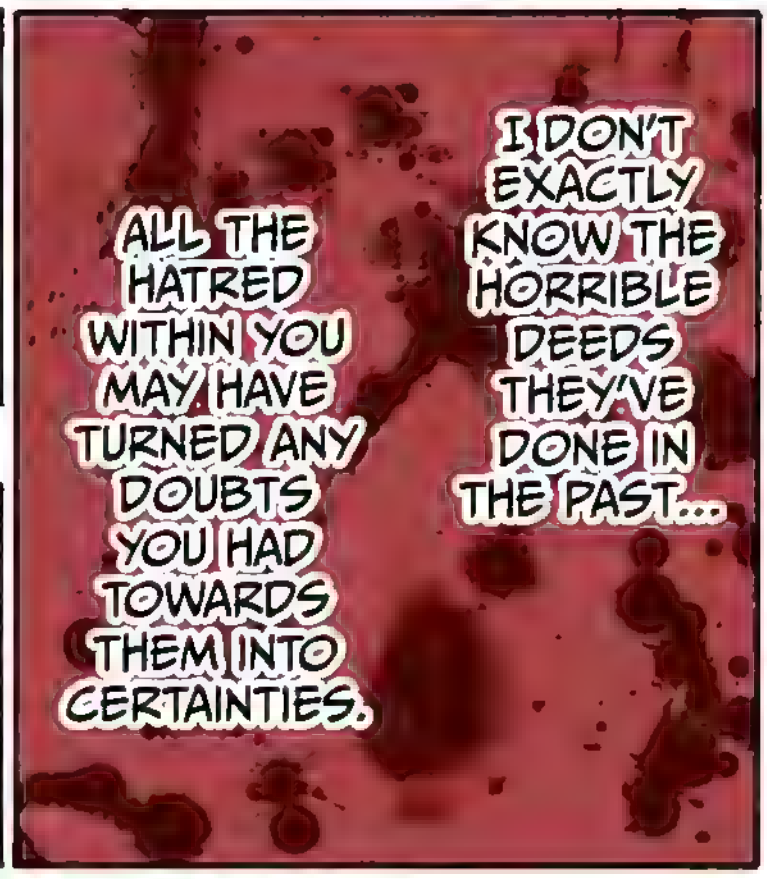
...THAT'S THE QUESTION HERE!!!

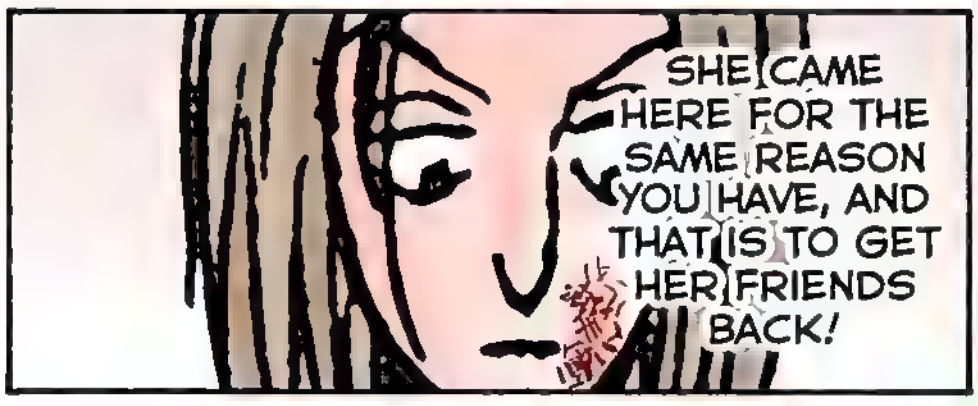
NO... ALL THE HINTS OF DISSONANCE ARE THERE, YOU ARE WELL AWARE OF THE SITUATION IN THE BACK OF YOUR MIND...!!

BUT YOU WANNA REFUSE THE TRUTH...

YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND THE INCONSISTENCY OF YOUR OWN HEARTBEAT ...!!







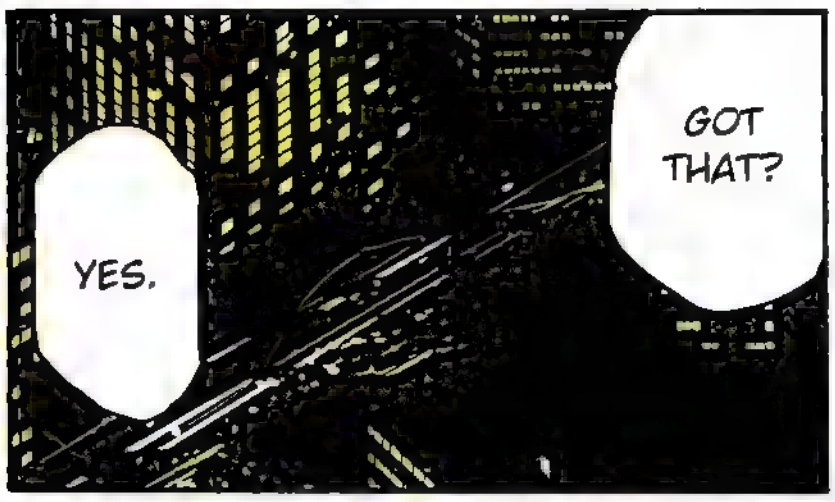
BUT AMONG THEM, AT LEAST ONE THING IS DIFFERENT...!! THAT'S WHY SHE CAME HERE, ALONE... SO THAT THE EXCHANGE MIGHT TAKE PLACE!!

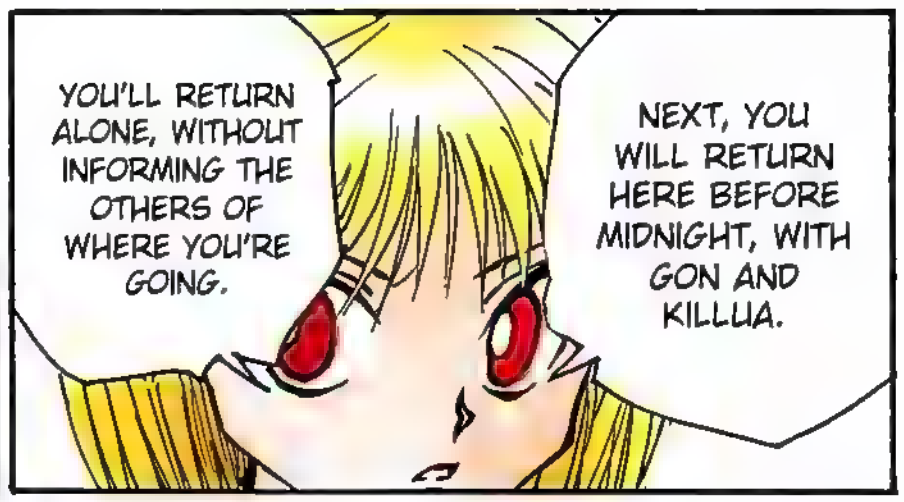
THEIR LEADER IS TRYING TO ABIDE BY THE IRONCLAD OATH TO THE RULES HE HELPED CREATE.

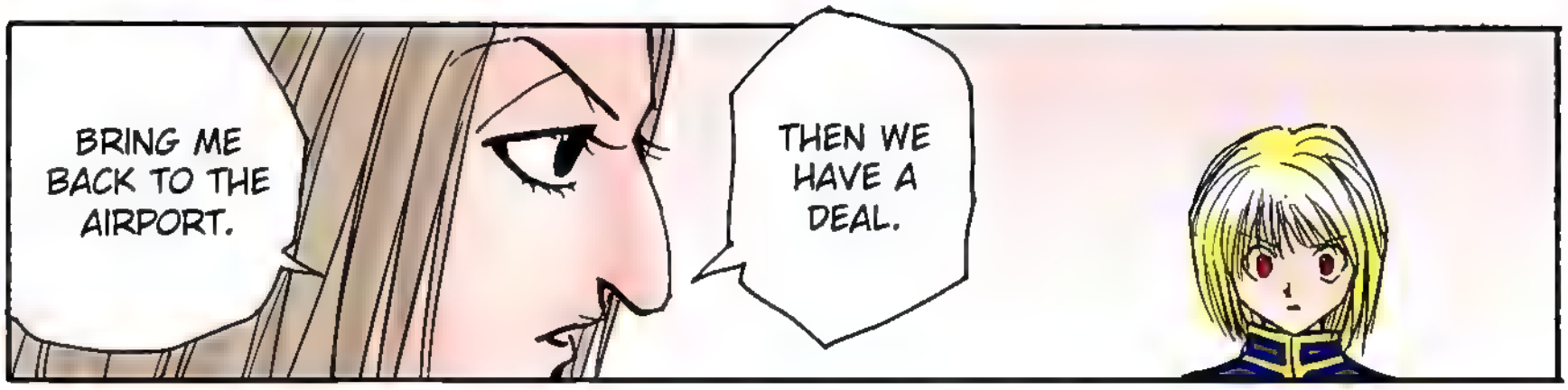
YOU DO REALIZE IT, DO YOU?

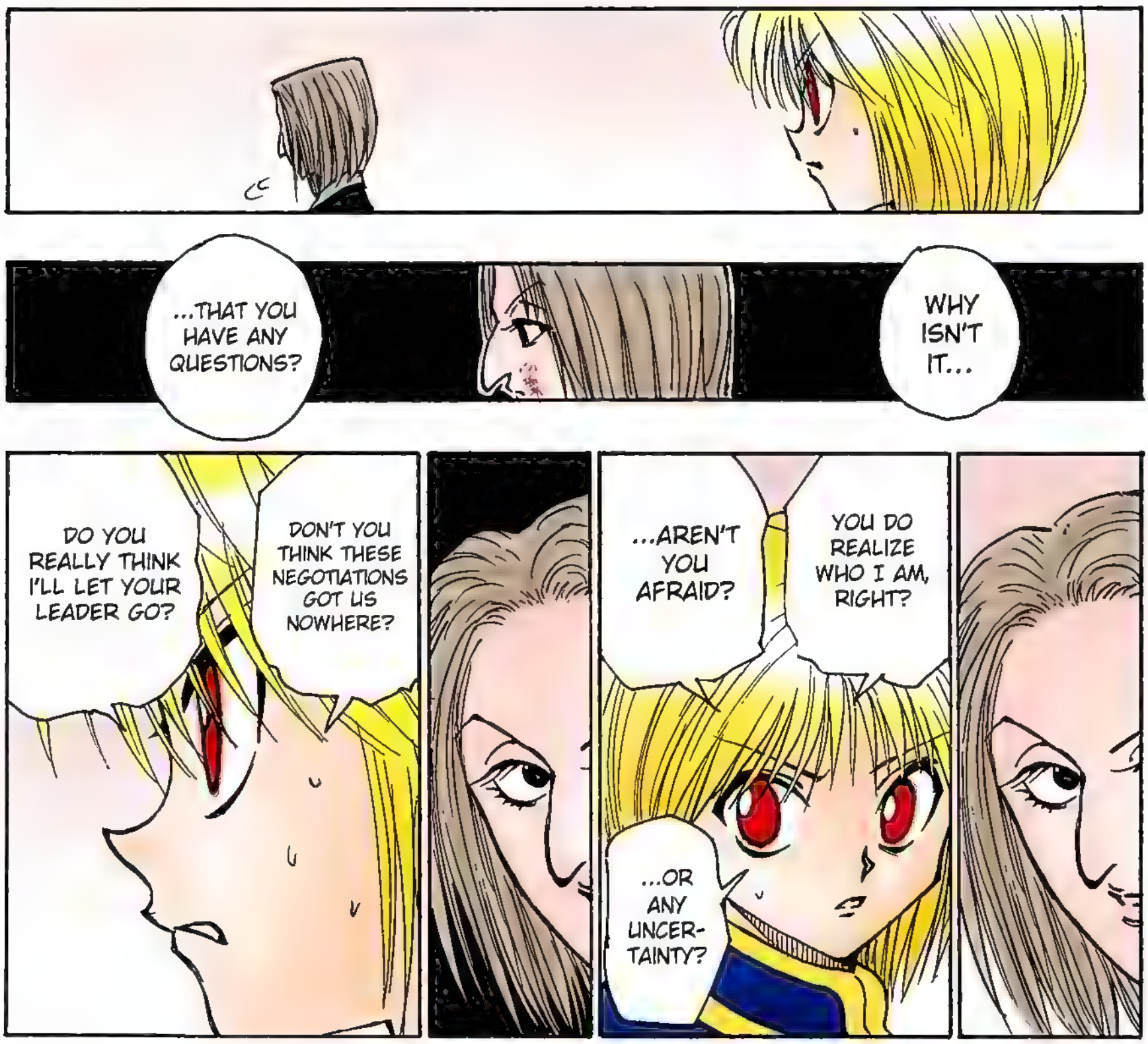
KURAPIKA...

YOU WILL GO BACK TO YOUR HIDEOUT AND TELL YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT OUR EXCHANGE.


YES.
GOT THAT?


YOU'LL RETURN ALONE, WITHOUT INFORMING THE OTHERS OF WHERE YOU'RE GOING.
NEXT, YOU WILL RETURN HERE BEFORE MIDNIGHT, WITH GON AND KILLUA.

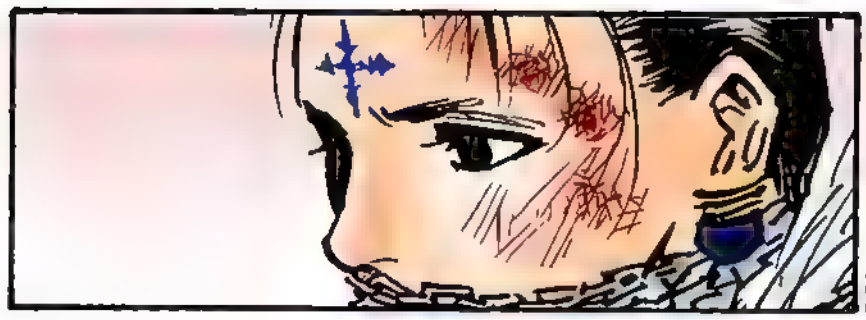

BRING ME BACK TO THE AIRPORT.
THEN WE HAVE A DEAL.

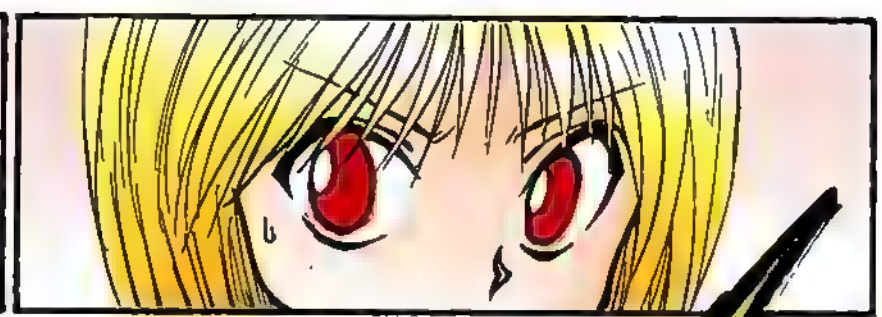

...THAT YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?
WHY ISN'T IT...
DO YOU REALLY THINK I'LL LET YOUR LEADER GO?
DON'T YOU THINK THESE NEGOTIATIONS GOT US NOWHERE?
...AREN'T YOU AFRAID?
YOU DO REALIZE WHO I AM, RIGHT?
...OR ANY UNCER-TAINTY?

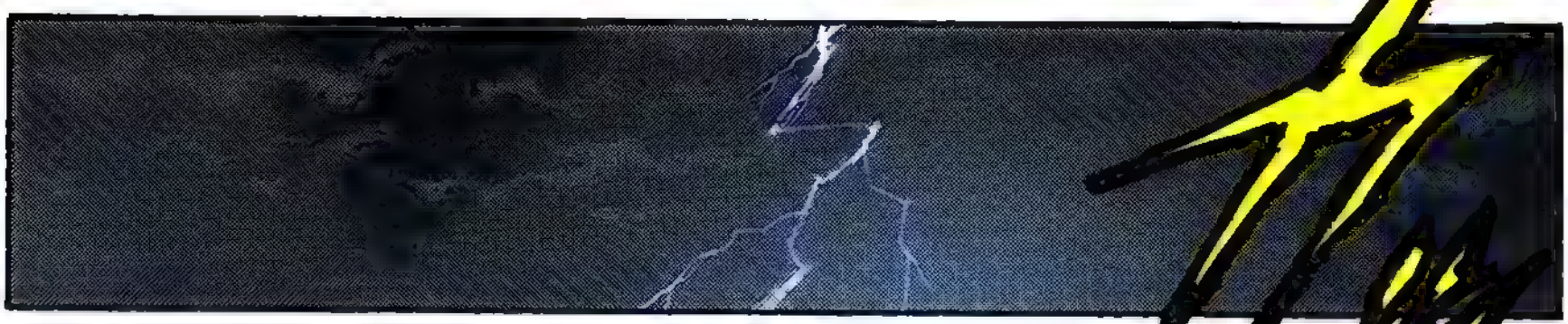
LET'S MAKE THIS QUICK, I HAVE NO TIME TO WASTE.

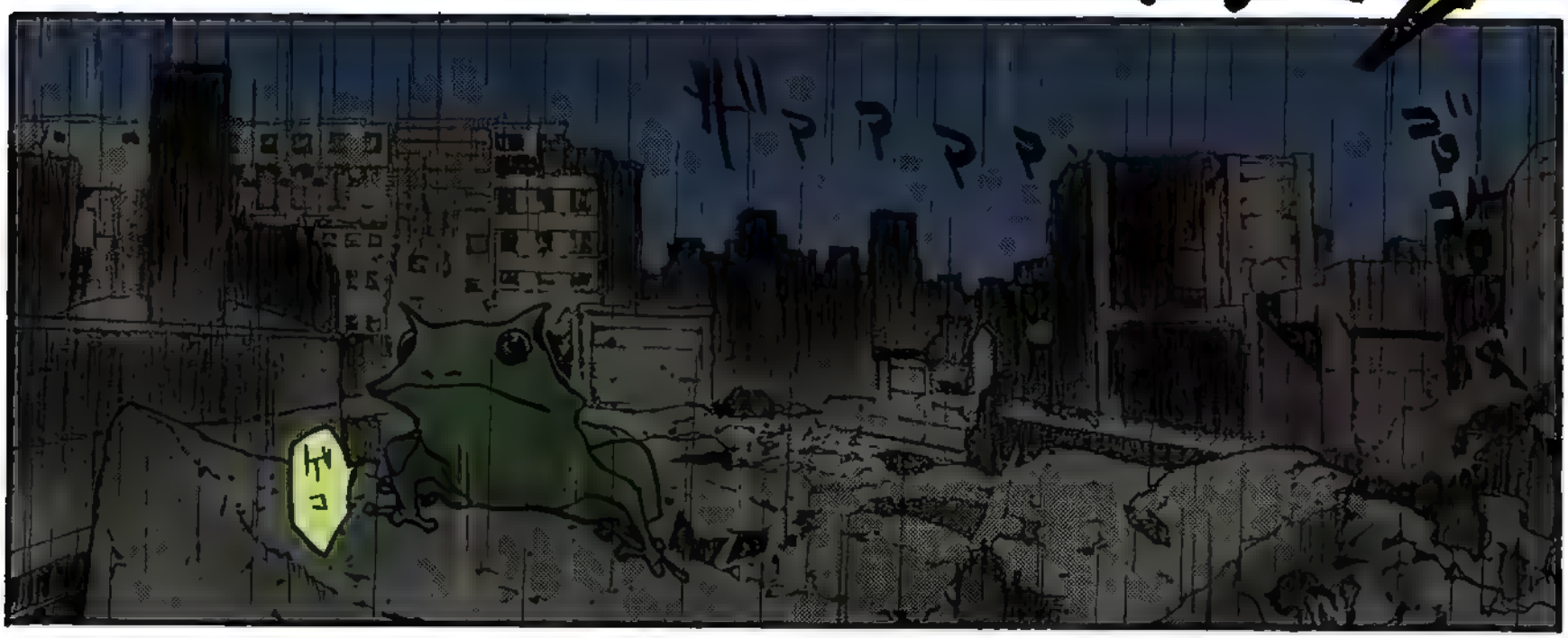
BECAUSE IF YOU INTENDED TO FOOL US, YOU WOULDN'T BE ASKING THAT KIND OF THING.

YES, I DO.

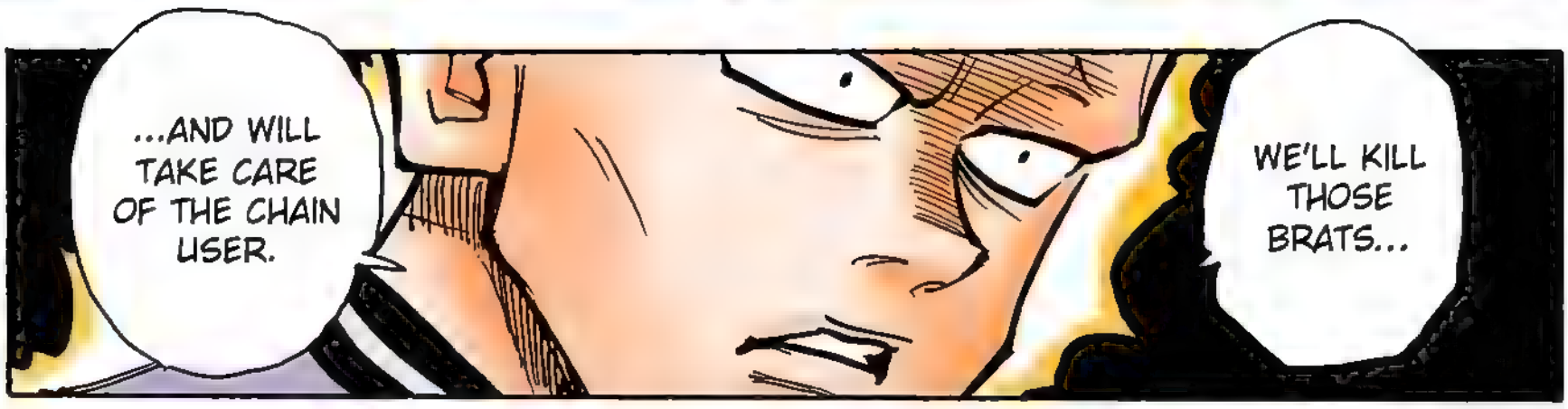


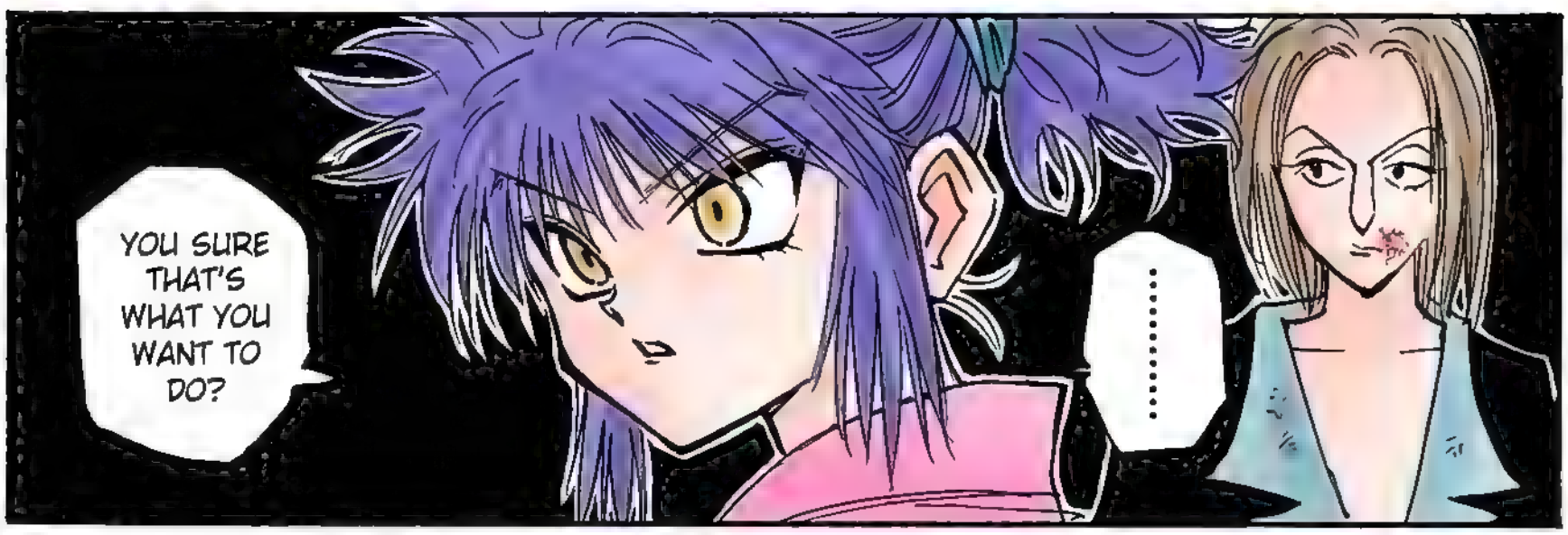






PAKUNODA, TELL US WHERE HE IS.





SO TELL US WHERE IS HE.

YES, I INSIST.

IF YOU DON'T TELL US, DON'T THINK I'LL LET YOU WALK AWAY.

WHOSE SIDE ARE YOU ON?!

IN YOUR WAY?!

DON'T GET IN MY WAY.

FIRST, I WON'T SAY WHERE I'M GOING. SECOND, I'M TAKING THE KIDS WITH ME, AND I'M GOING ALONE.

IS THAT SOME KIND OF JOKE?

TAKE CARE OF US?

WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THEM.

GO ON AHEAD, PAKU.

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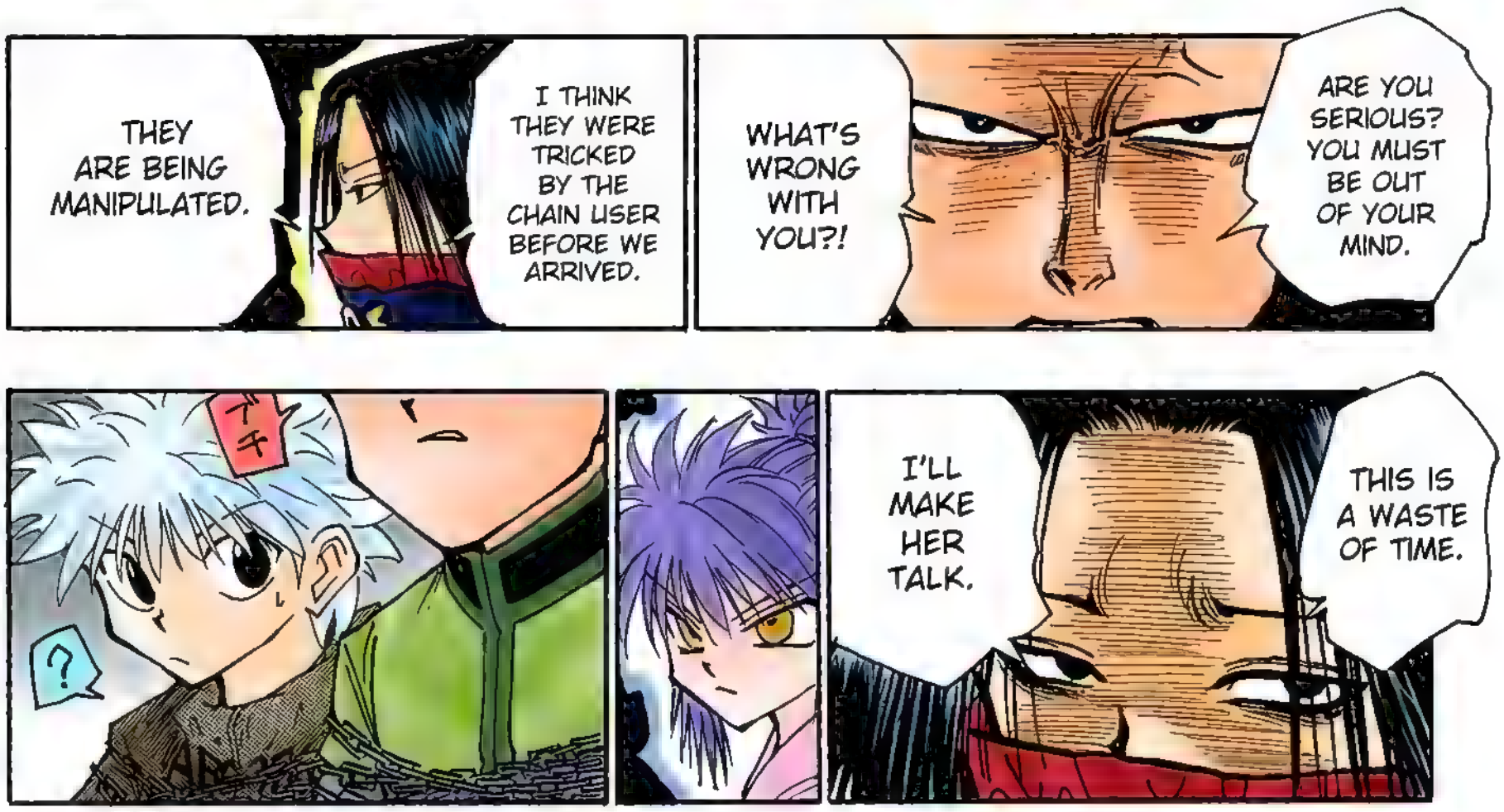

YOU REALLY DON'T GET IT?

...AND WHY IS MACHI TRYING TO STOP YOU?

HEY.

WHY DO YOU THINK PAKUNODA WON'T TELL YOU ANYTHING?

DO YOU REALLY THINK THEY ARE BEING MANIPULATED?

THEY WANT TO SAVE A FRIEND BACK!! IS THAT SO HARD TO UNDERSTAND?!

IT'S BECAUSE THEY WANNA SAVE YOUR LEADER! ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?!

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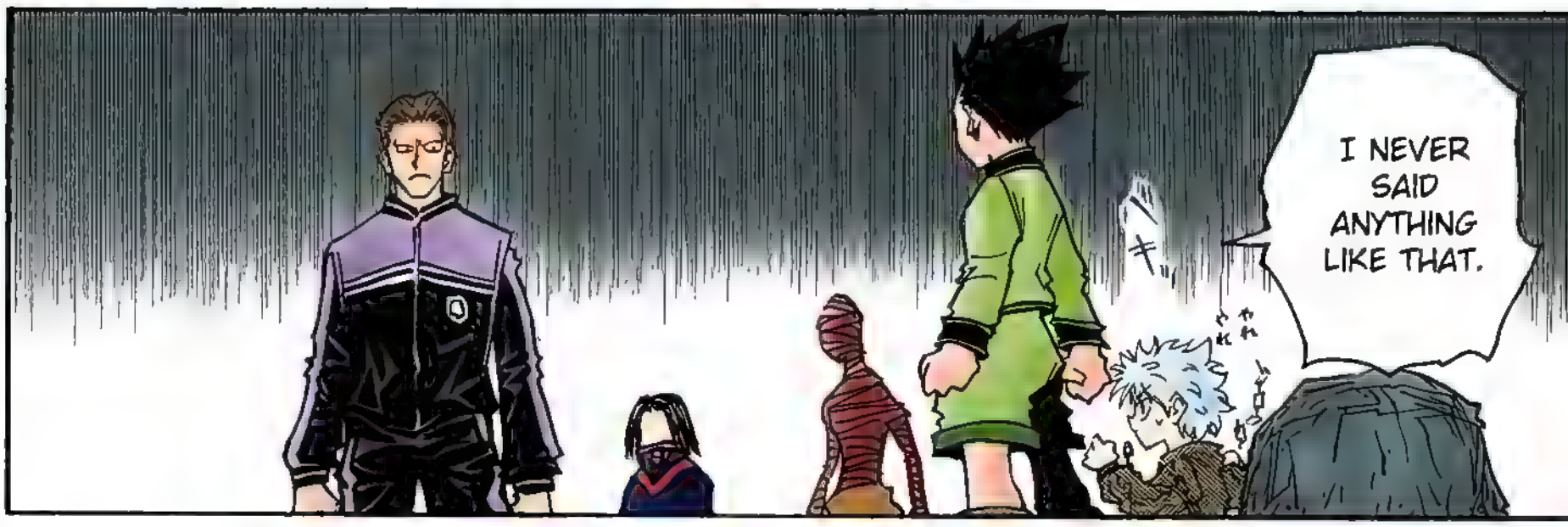
YOU'RE JUST IN A RUSH TO BE SAVED.
SHUT IT, BRAT.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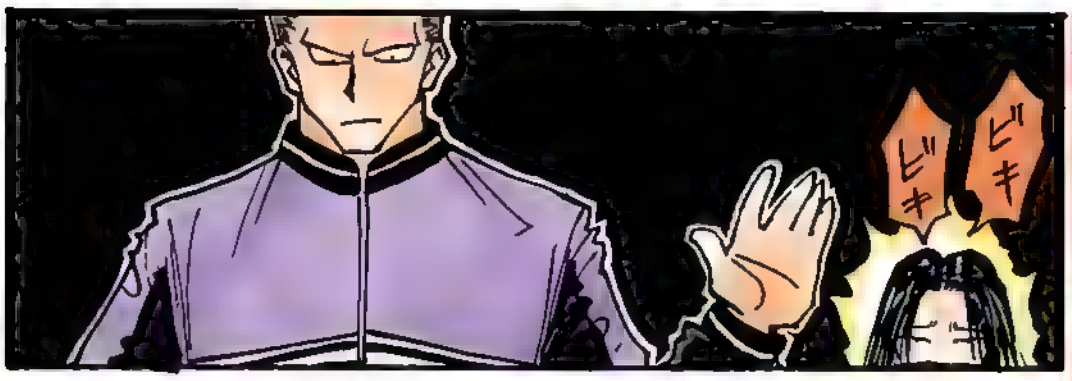
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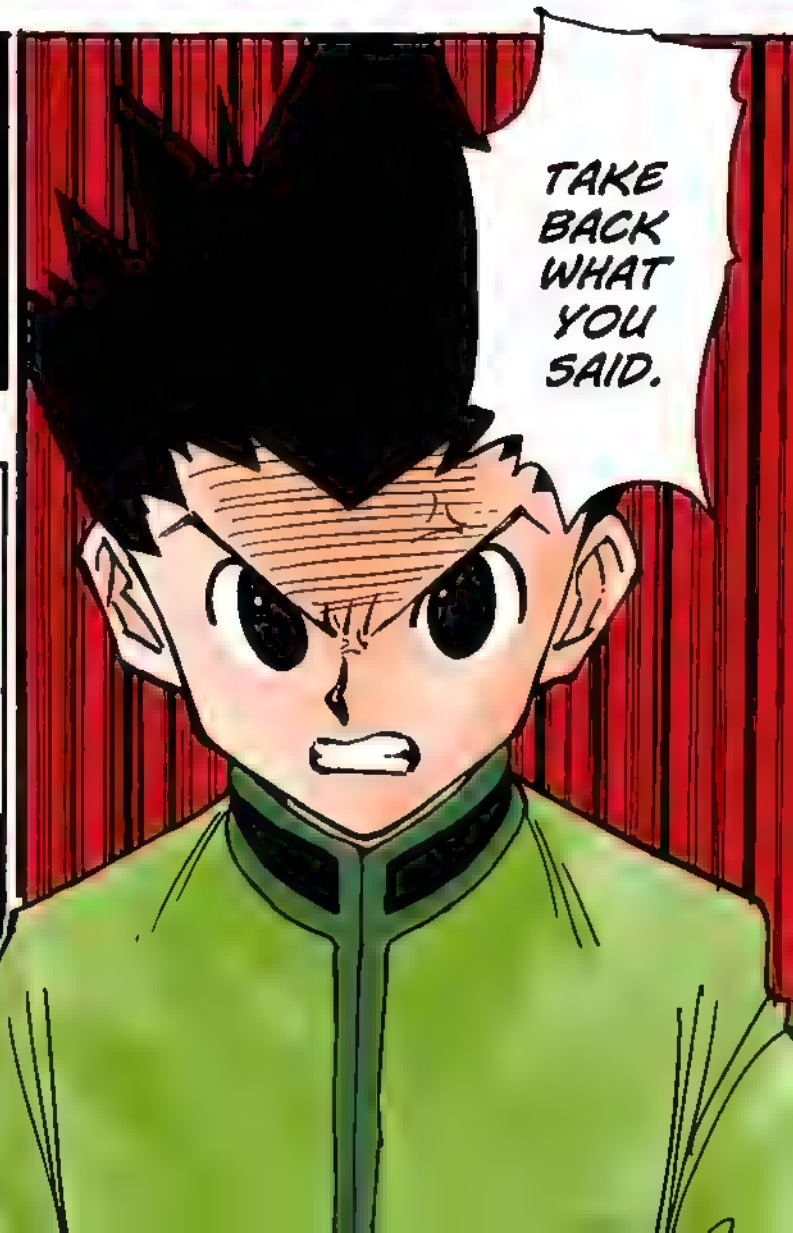
TAKE ONE STEP AND I'LL BREAK THAT NECK OF YOURS.
SURE, IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY, GO RIGHT AHEAD.


TAKE BACK WHAT YOU SAID.

HE WOULDN'T DO ANYTHING BOLD AND LET HIS RAGE GET THE BEST OF HIM!!
KURAPIKA ISN'T LIKE YOU.

I'M NOT THAT DUMB TO DO THAT!!
THEN I WON'T!!
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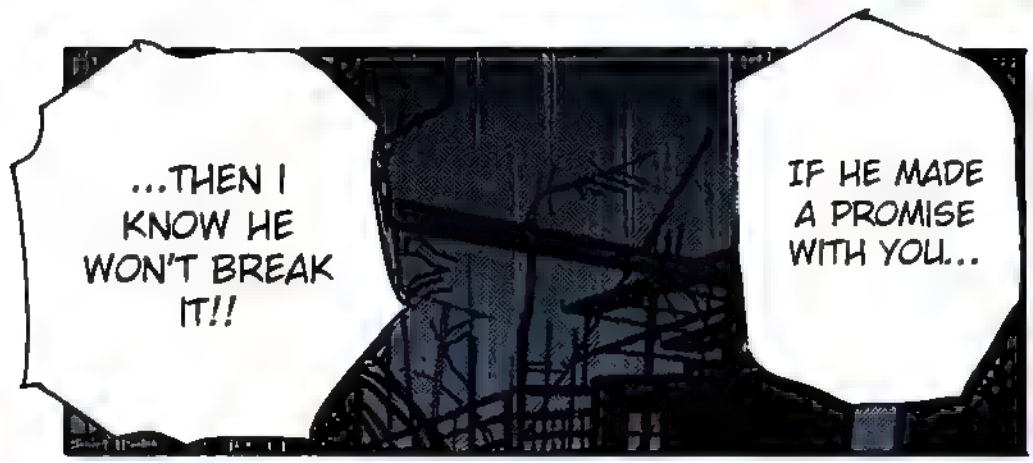
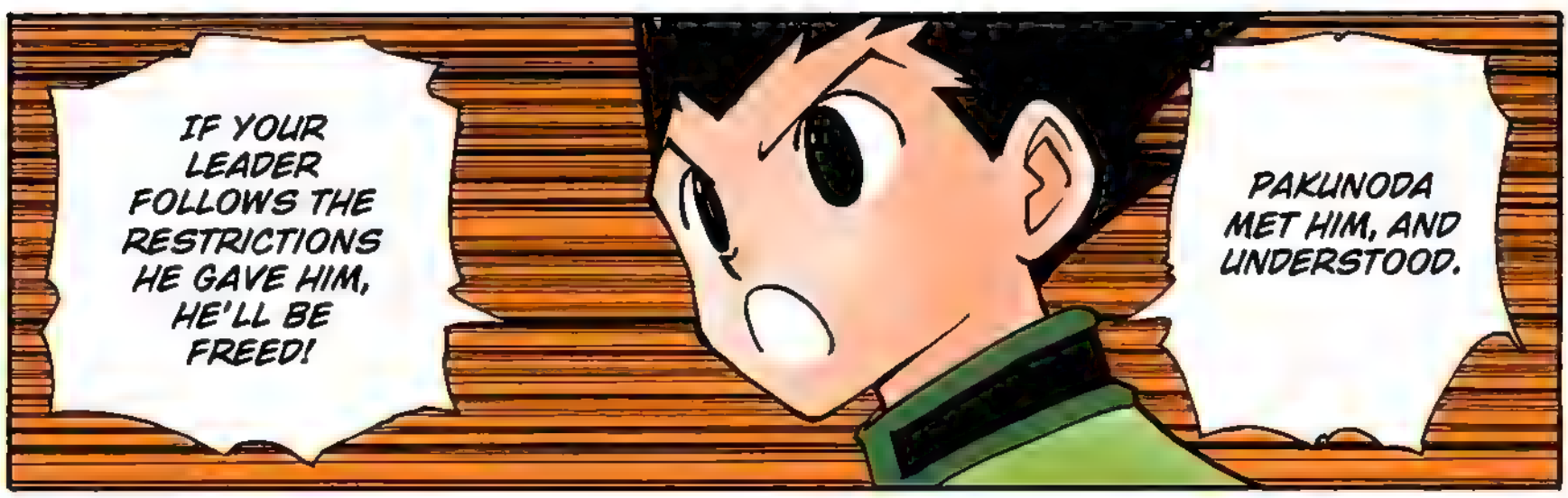
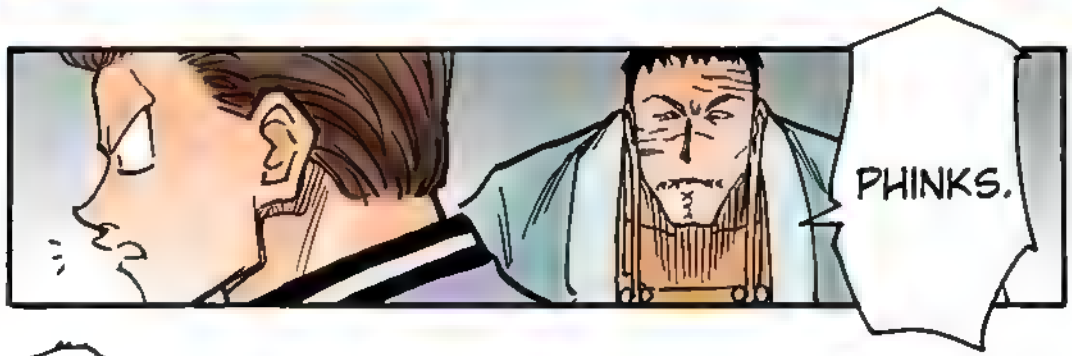

...THEN I KNOW HE WON'T BREAK IT!!
IF HE MADE A PROMISE WITH YOU...


IF YOUR LEADER FOLLOWS THE RESTRICTIONS HE GAVE HIM, HE'LL BE FREED!
PAKUNODA MET HIM, AND UNDERSTOOD.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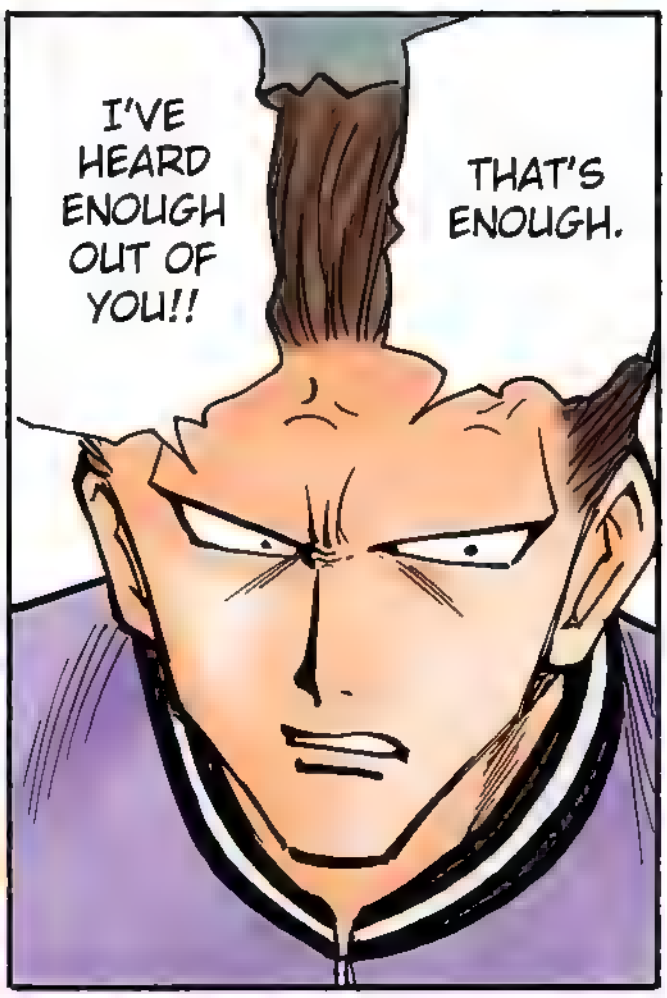
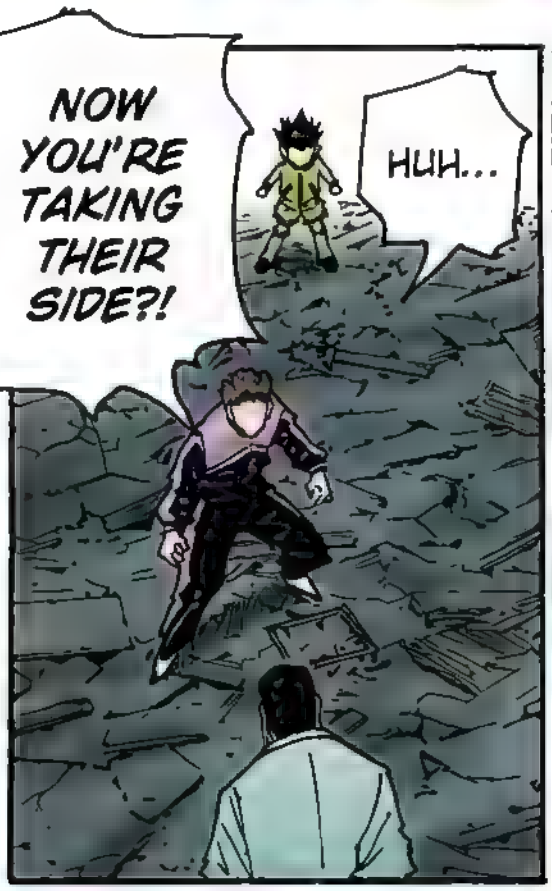

I'VE HEARD ENOUGH OUT OF YOU!!
THAT'S ENOUGH.

LET PAKUNODA GO.
STOP IT ALREADY.


NOW YOU'RE TAKING THEIR SIDE?!
HUH...

THESE TWO COULD GET AWAY, AND WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO FIND OUT WHERE THE CHAIN USER IS.

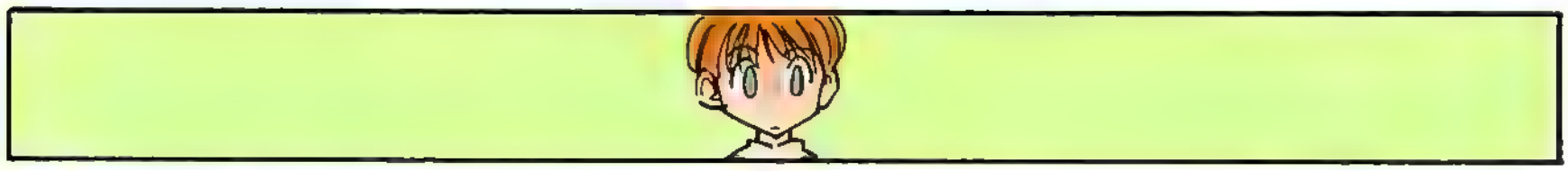
HMMM, THE BOSS COULD ALREADY BE DEAD, AND HISOKA, PAKUNODA, SHIZUKU, AND NOBUNAGA ARE BEING MANIPULATED BY THE CHAIN USER.

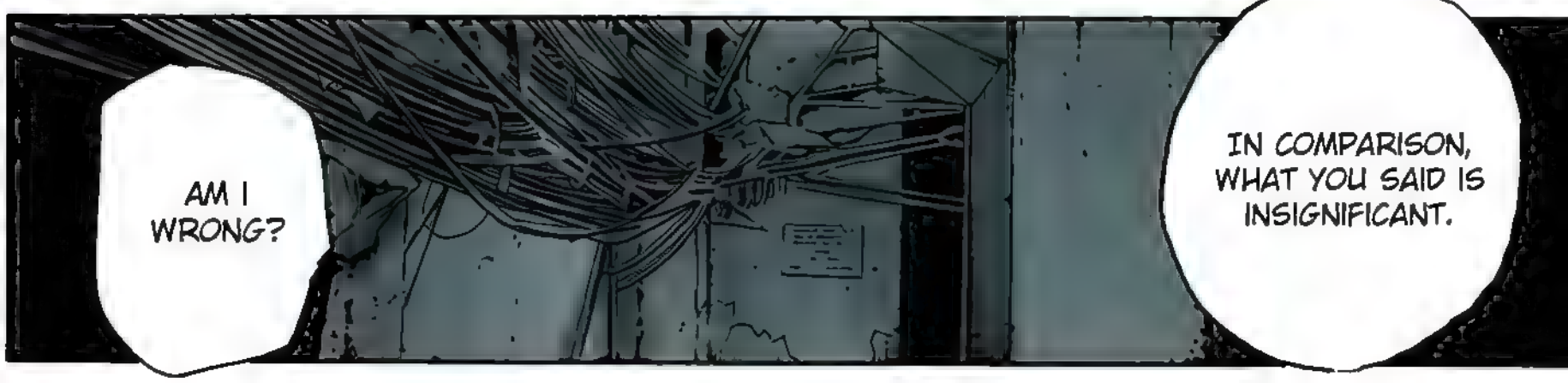
SHAL-NARK.

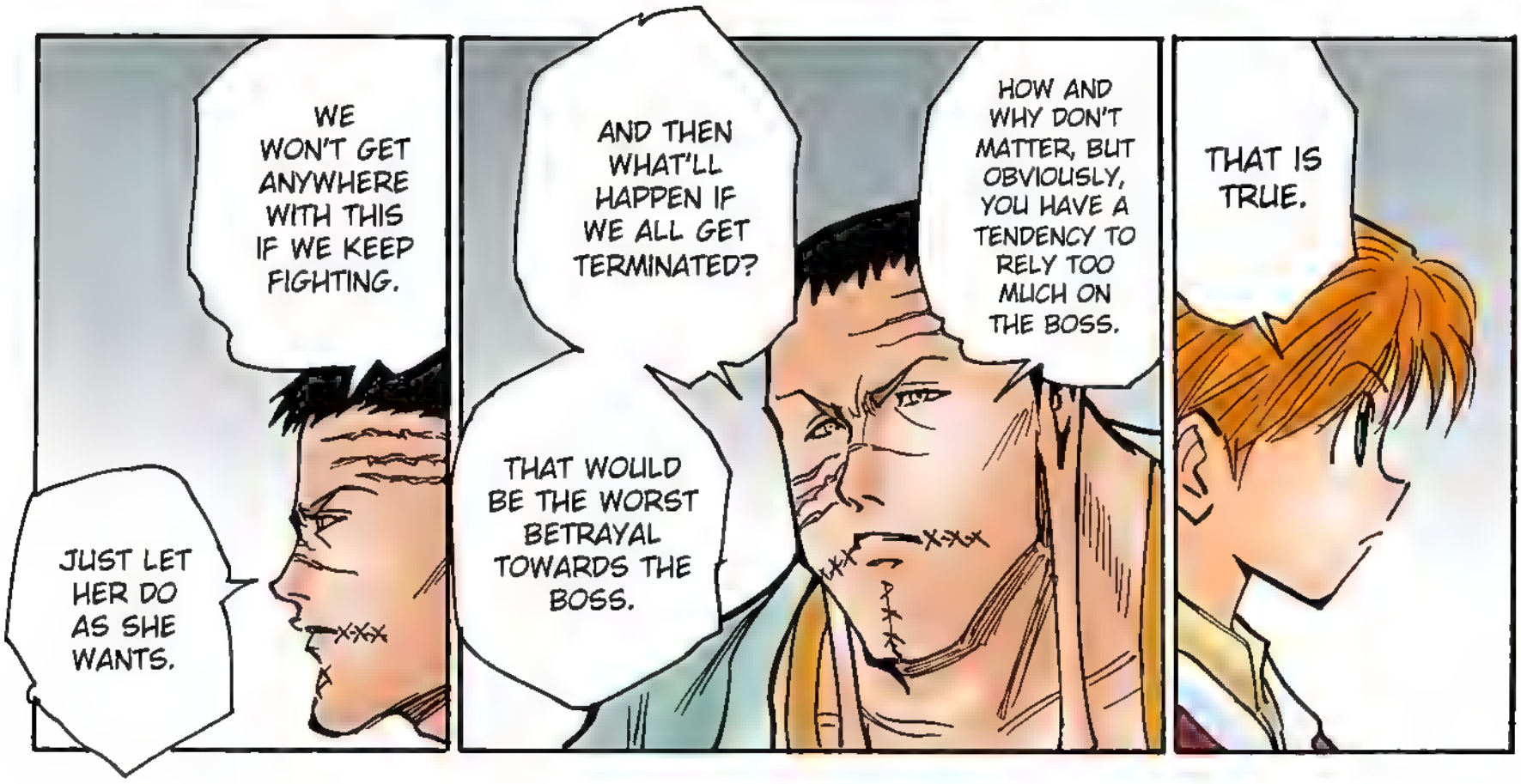
WHAT'S THE WORST CASE SCENARIO FOR US?

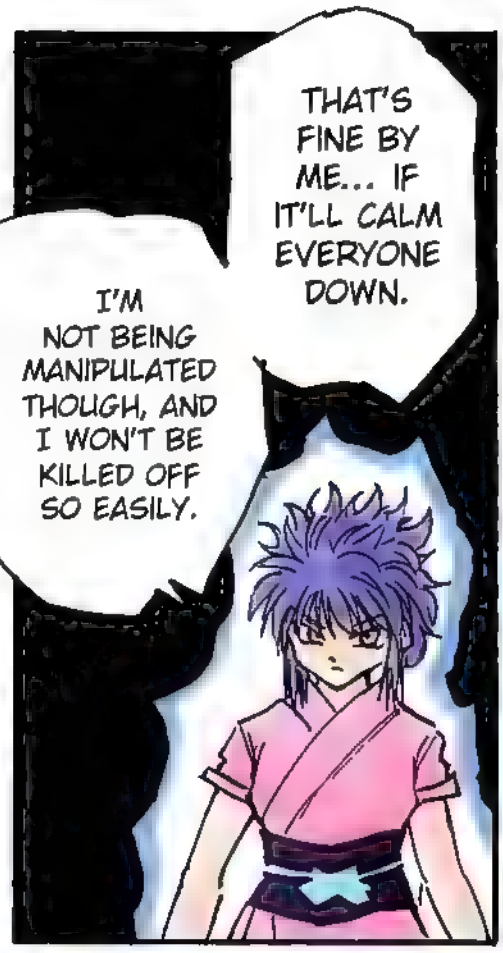
WORST-CASE SCENARIO IS US GETTING KILLED, THEN THE SPIDERS WILL FALL AND DISAPPEAR.

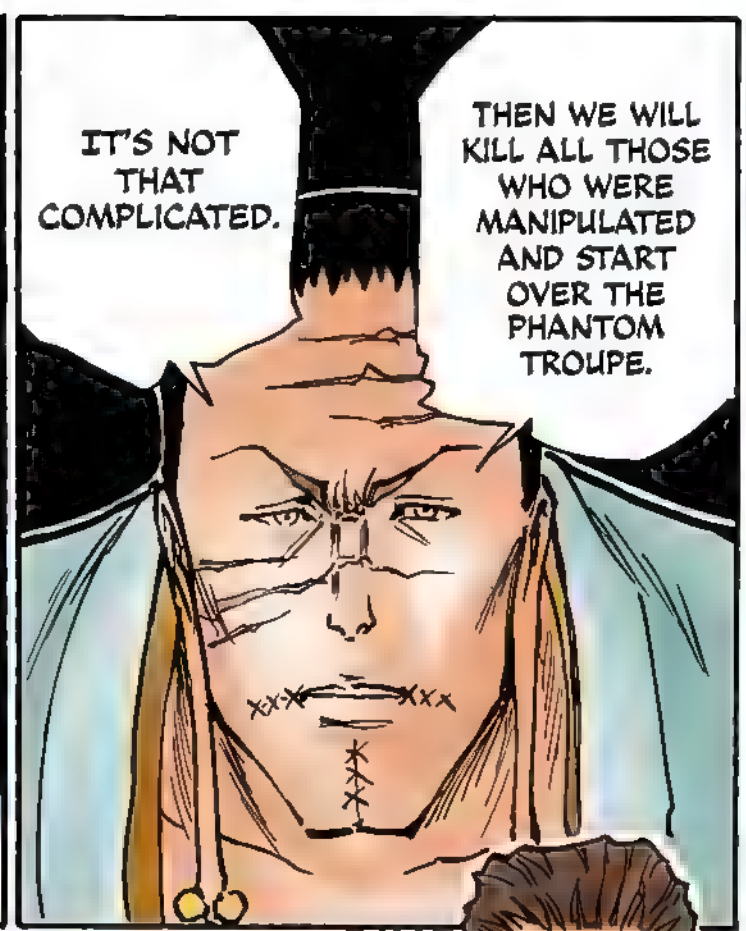
I THINK YOU'RE WRONG.

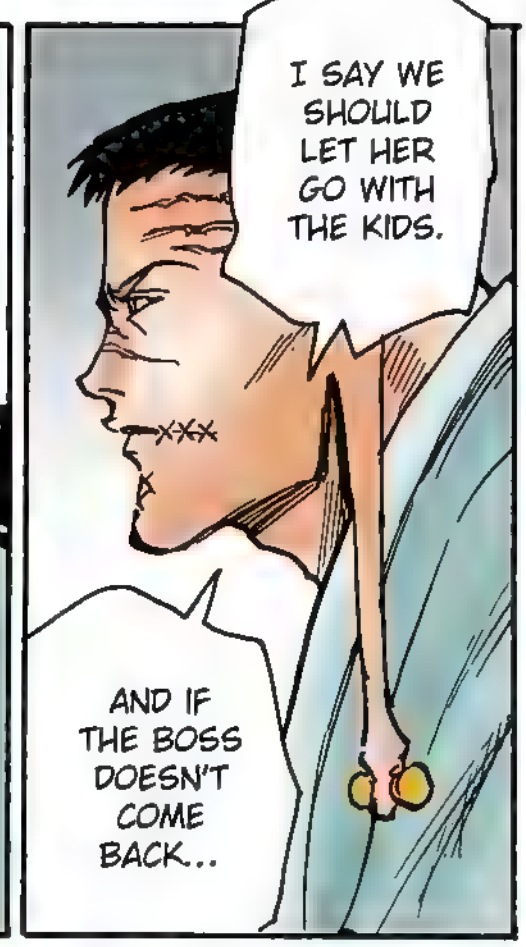


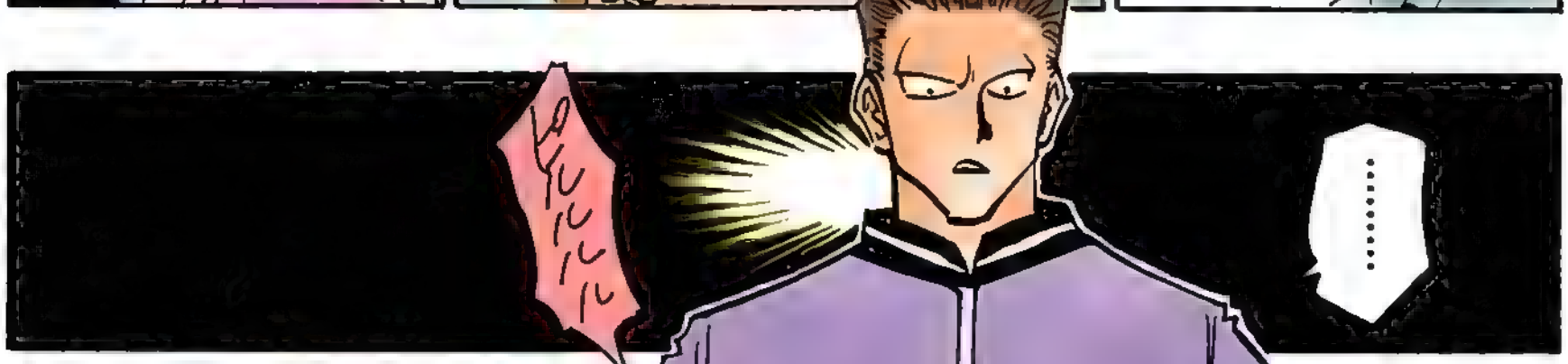





THAT'S FINE BY ME... IF IT'LL CALM EVERYONE DOWN.
I'M NOT BEING MANIPULATED THOUGH, AND I WON'T BE KILLED OFF SO EASILY.


IT'S NOT THAT COMPLICATED.
THEN WE WILL KILL ALL THOSE WHO WERE MANIPULATED AND START OVER THE PHANTOM TROUPE.


I SAY WE SHOULD LET HER GO WITH THE KIDS.
AND IF THE BOSS DOESN'T COME BACK...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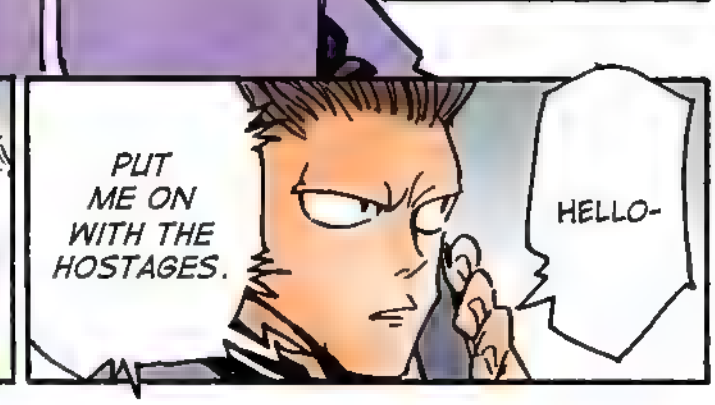
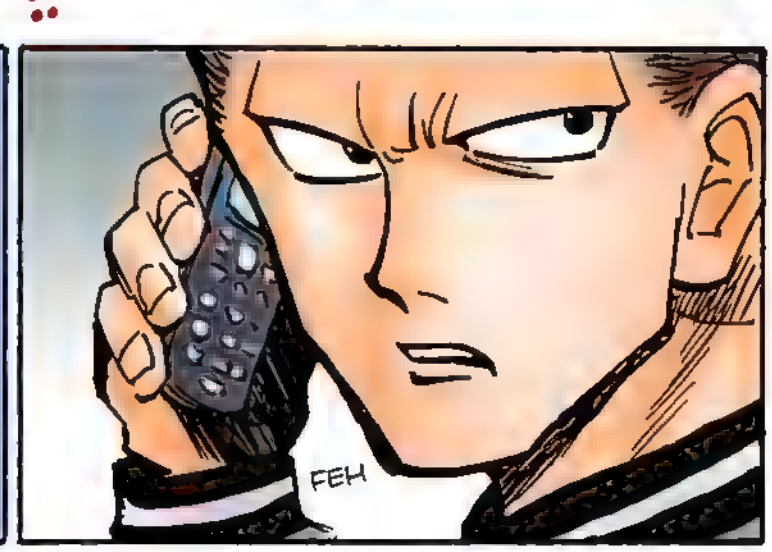
YEAH.
THEY'RE HERE.
ARE YOU ALRIGHT? ARE THEY ALL STILL THERE?

DON'T BREAK IT!!!


PUT ME ON WITH THE HOSTAGES.
HELLO-

HEY!

WILL DO AS YOU SAY...
PAKUNODA AND THE HOSTAGES ARE READY TO GO NOW.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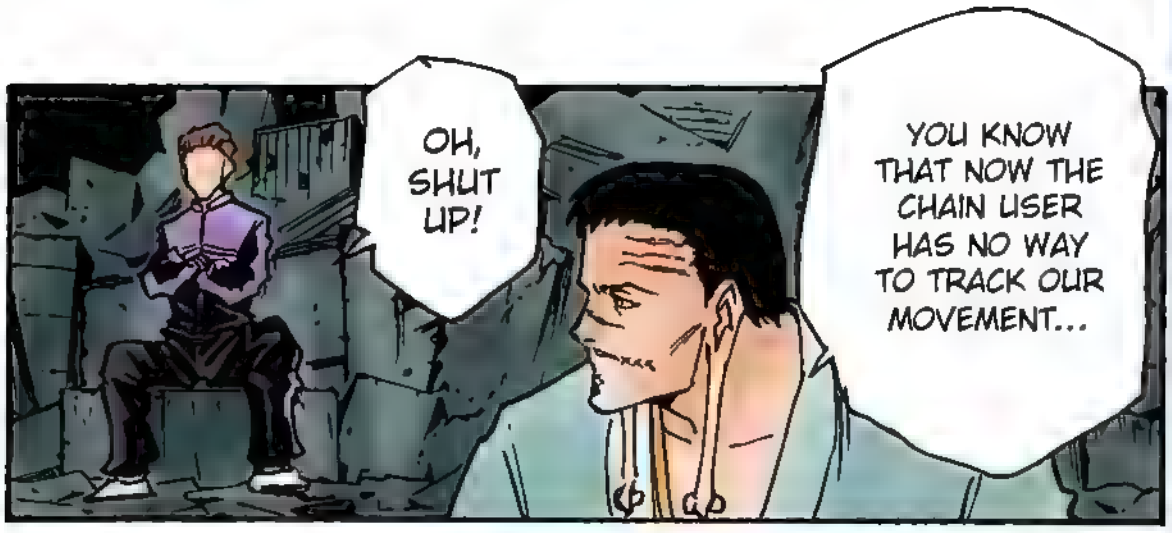
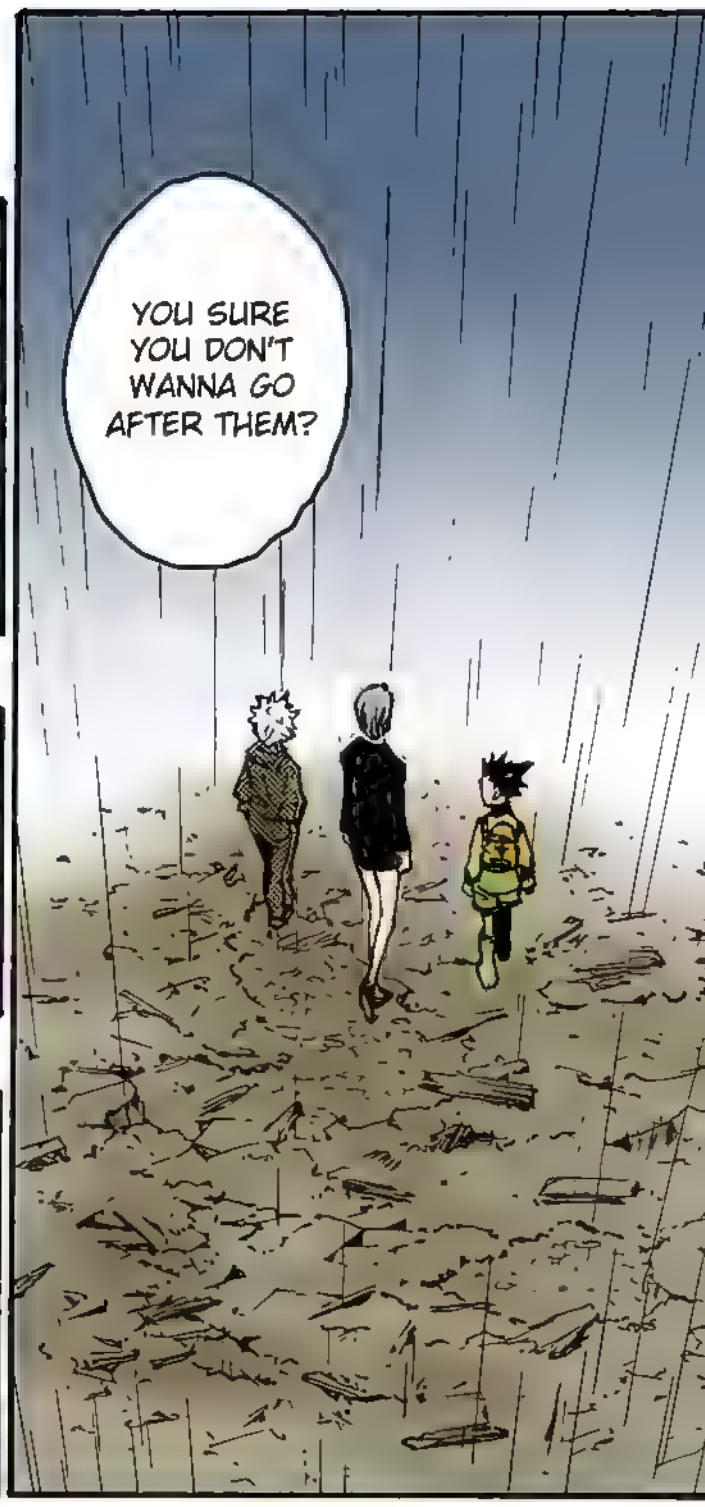
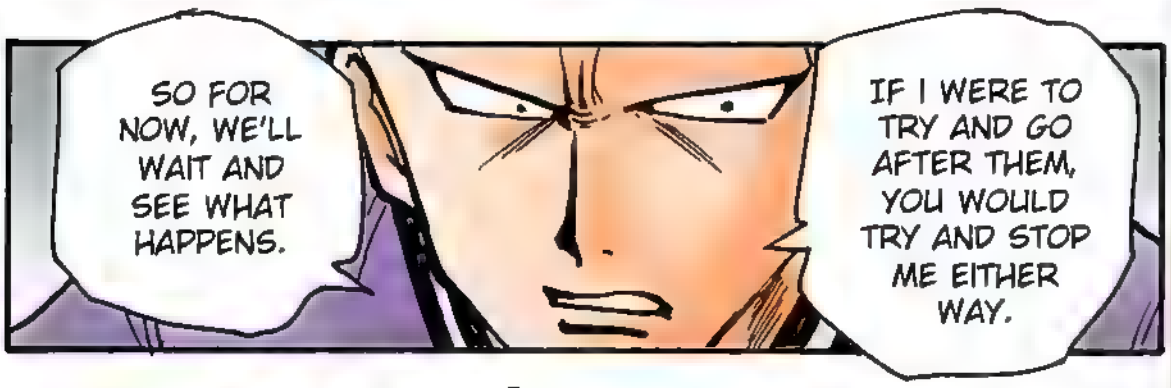
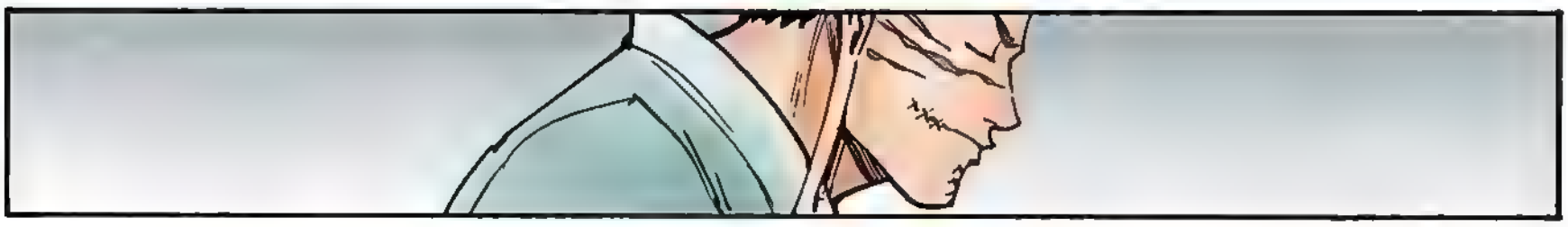
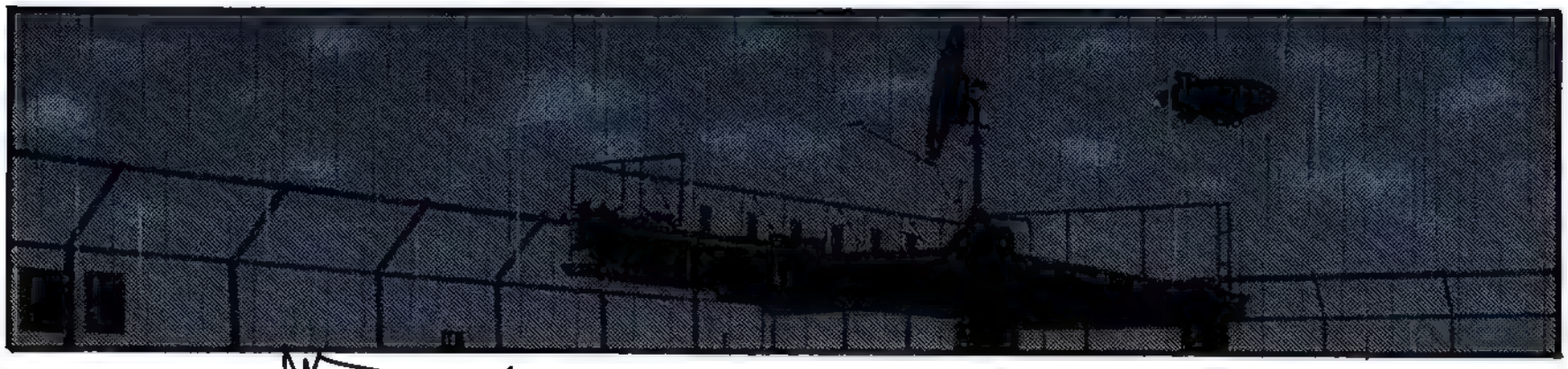

OH, SHUT UP!
YOU KNOW THAT NOW THE CHAIN USER HAS NO WAY TO TRACK OUR MOVEMENT...

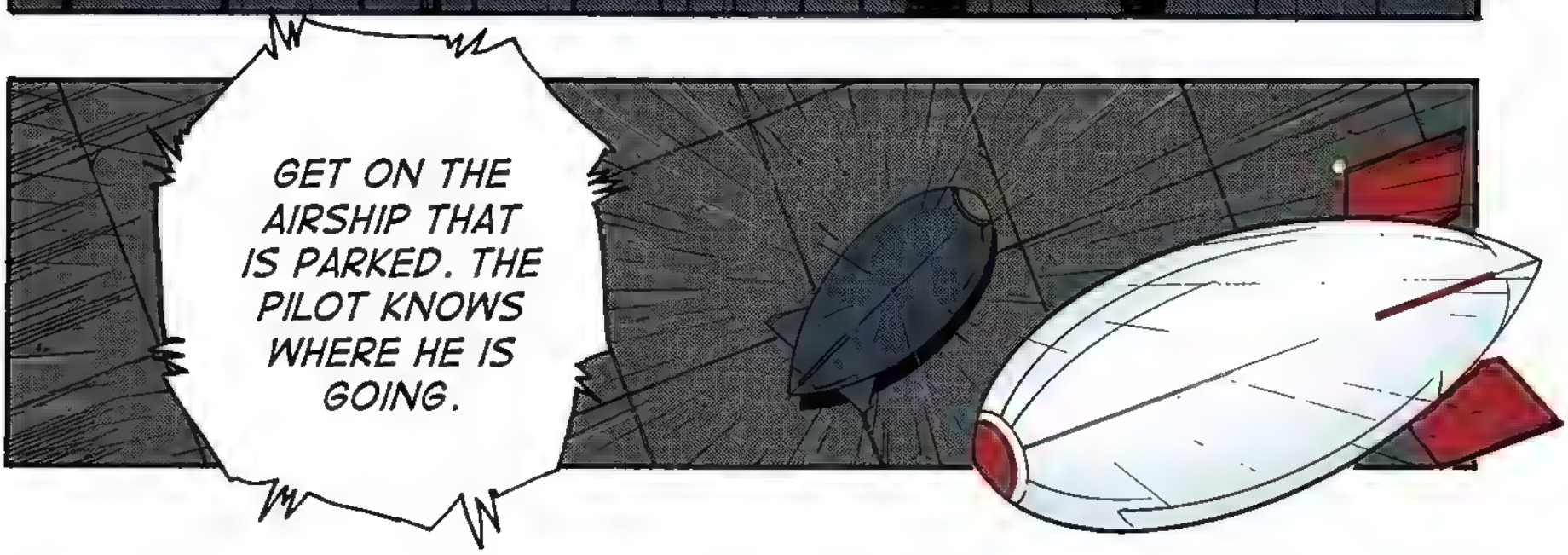

YOU SURE YOU DON'T WANNA GO AFTER THEM?

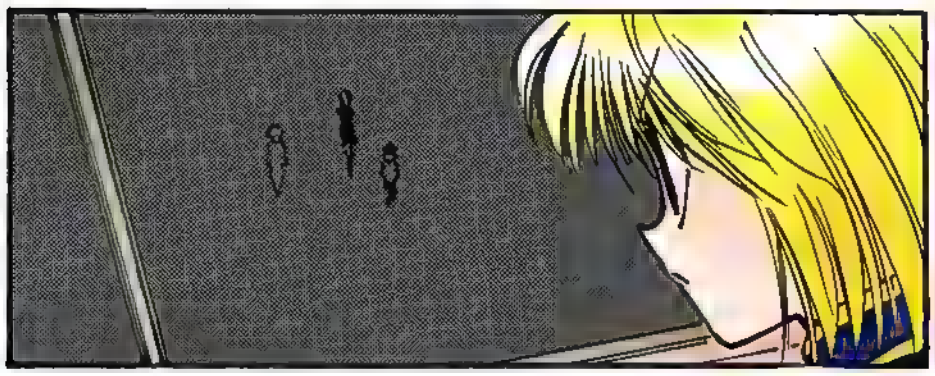

SO FOR NOW, WE'LL WAIT AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS.
IF I WERE TO TRY AND GO AFTER THEM, YOU WOULD TRY AND STOP ME EITHER WAY.

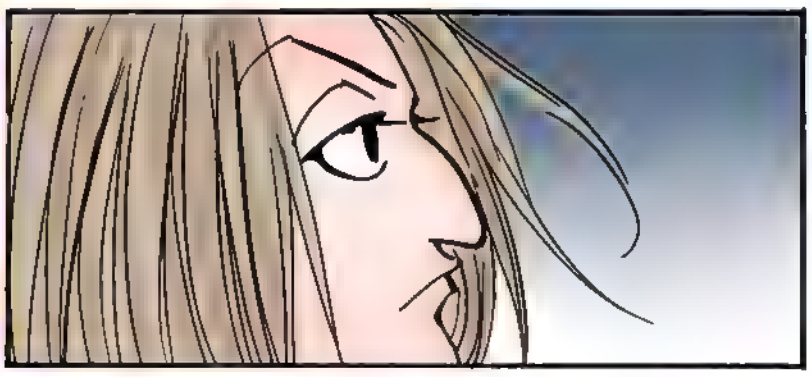
WE'LL SEE.
YOU'RE DEAD!
BUT LET ME BE CLEAR, IF THE BOSS DOESN'T COME BACK...

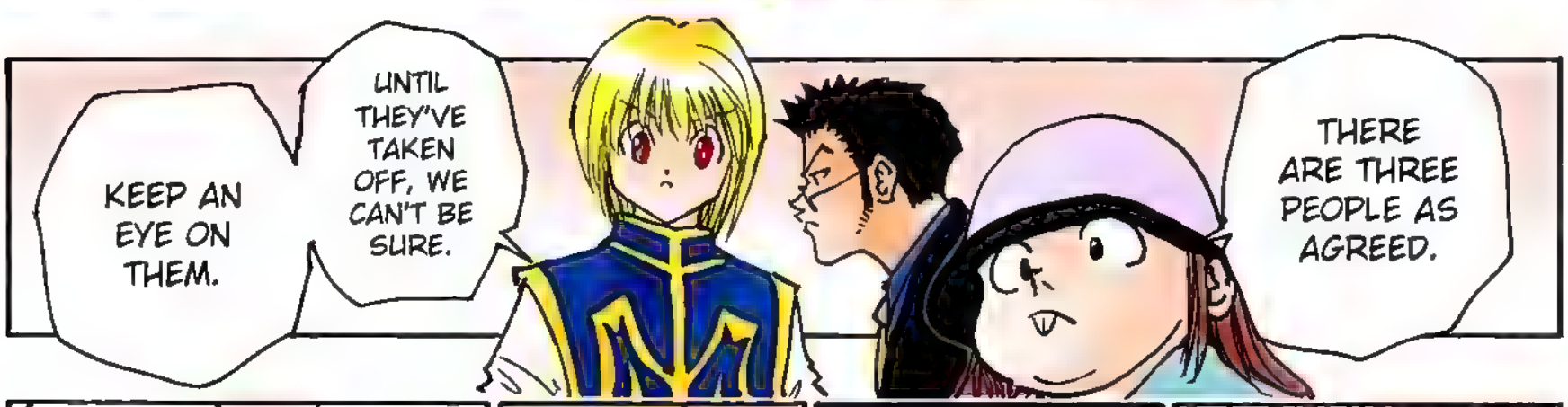


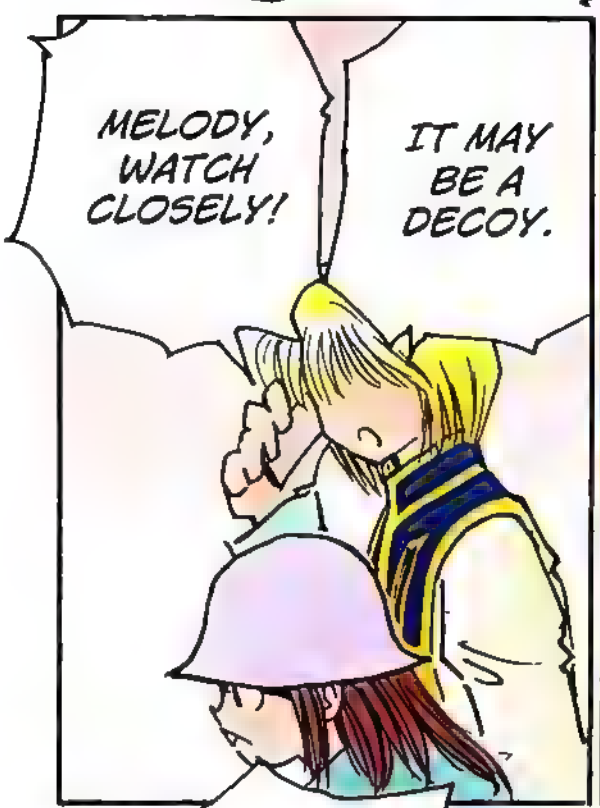


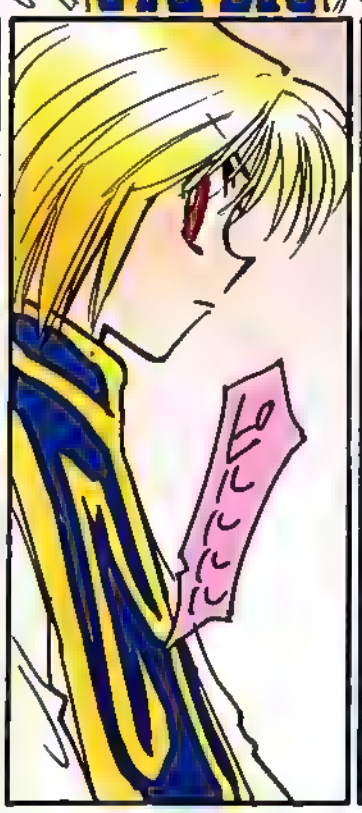

GET ON THE AIRSHIP THAT IS PARKED. THE PILOT KNOWS WHERE HE IS GOING.






KEEP AN EYE ON THEM.
UNTIL THEY'VE TAKEN OFF, WE CAN'T BE SURE.
THERE ARE THREE PEOPLE AS AGREED.


MELODY, WATCH CLOSELY!
IT MAY BE A DECOY.



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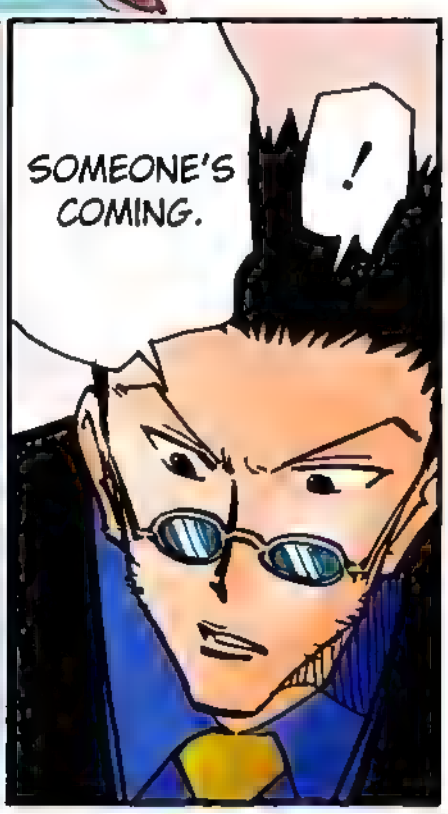
SOMEONE'S COMING.
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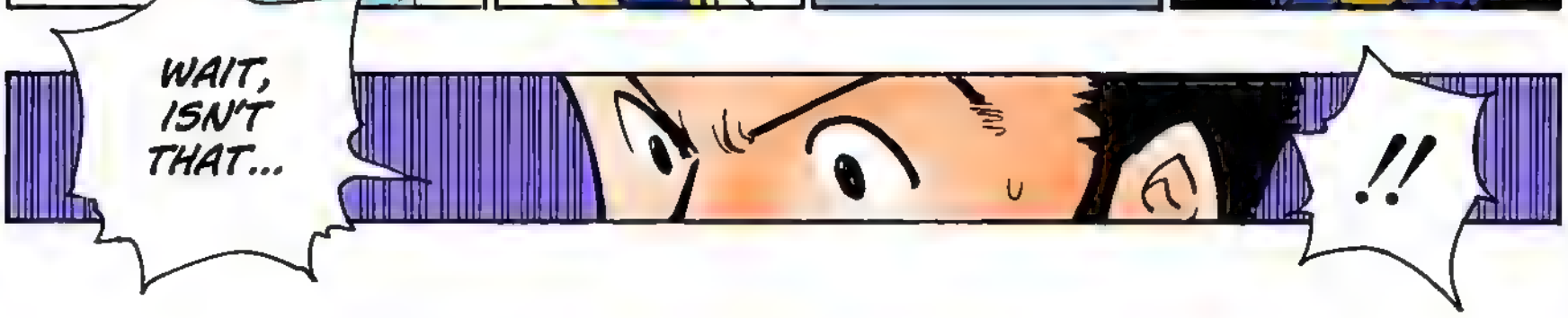
WAIT, ISN'T THAT...
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DON'T WORRY, I LEFT MY DOUBLE BACK IN THE HIDEOUT. ◆

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MY FACE WILL TURN BACK TO NORMAL IN 4-5 HOURS, SO LET'S HOPE THAT'S ENOUGH TIME...

HELLO. ♥

YOU LEFT THE HIDE-OUT?

HISOKA ?!!

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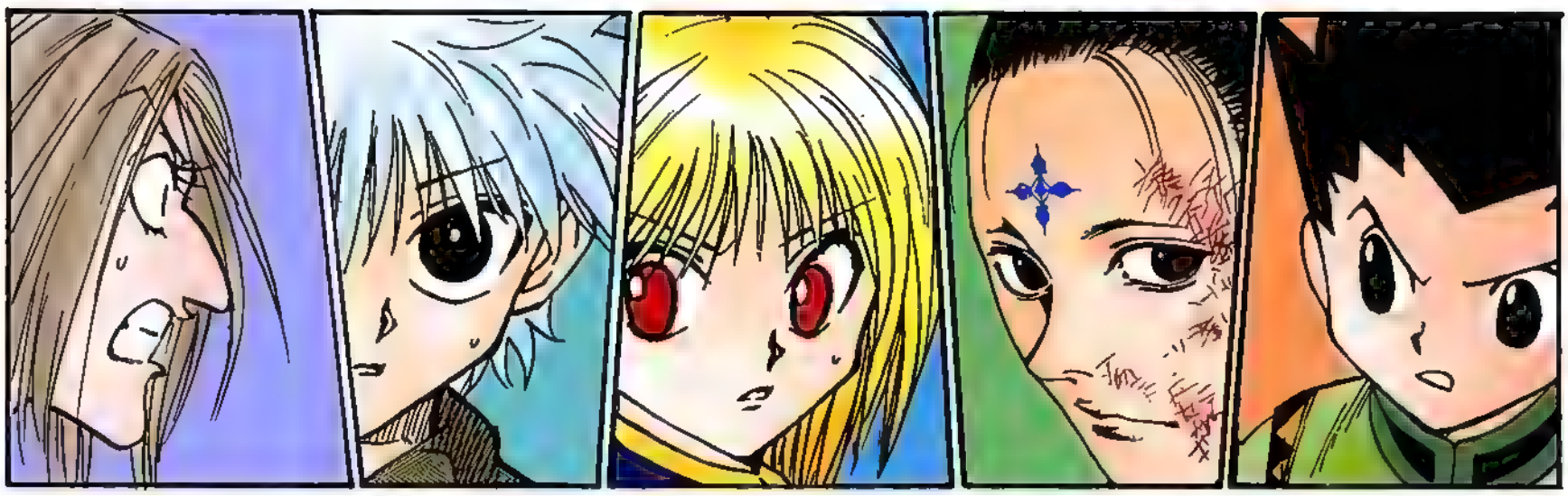
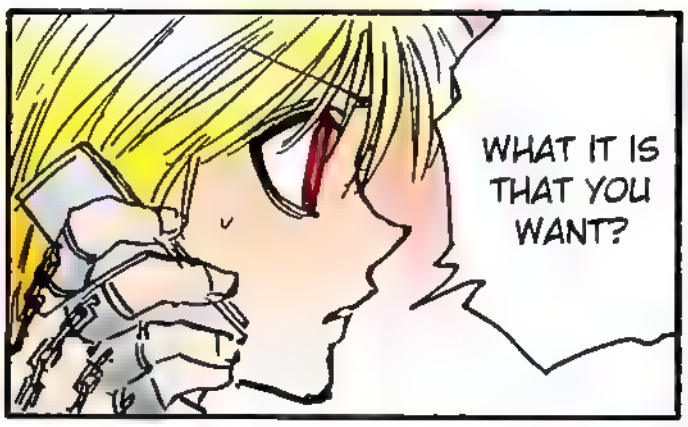
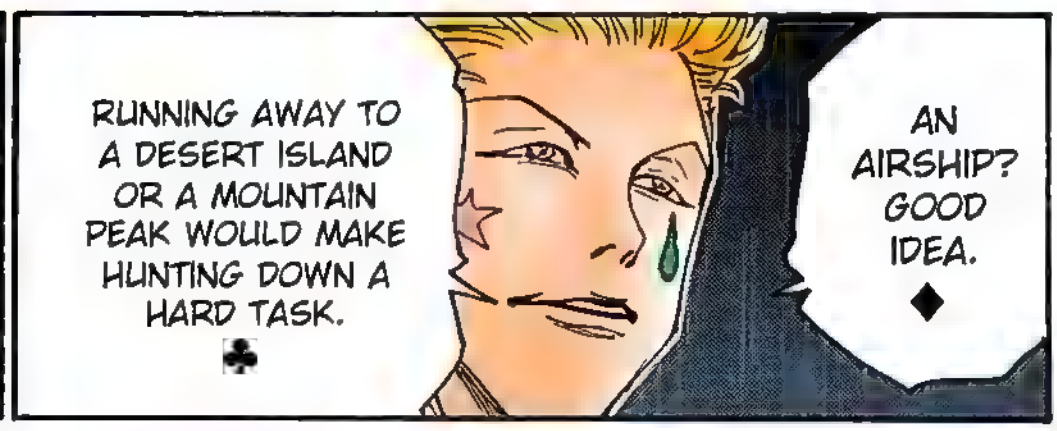




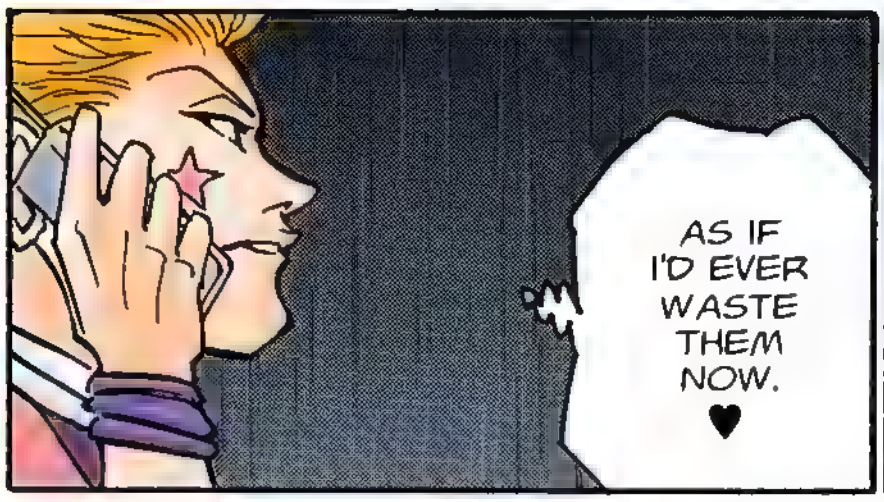


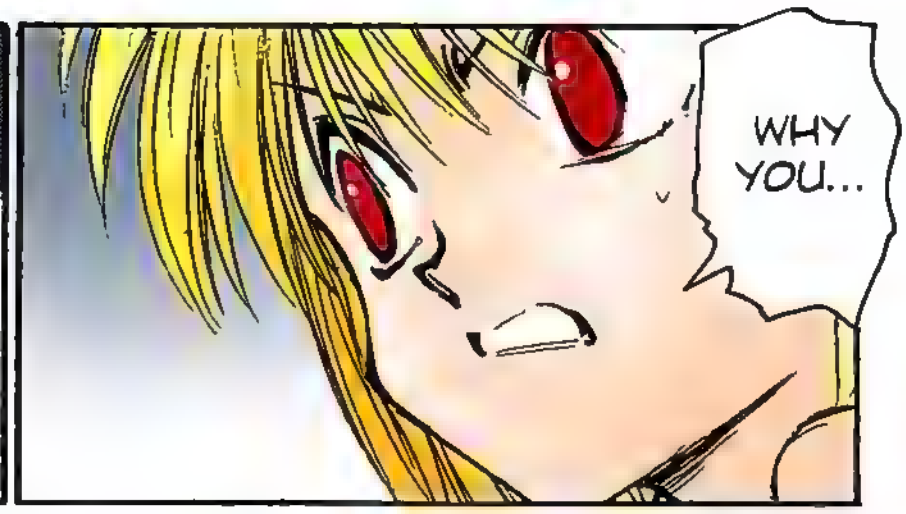
TAKE ME WITH YOU. ♥

...IF YOU REFUSE, I'LL KILL GON AND KILLUA, SOUND GOOD?

WHY ARE YOU HERE?!

AND LET ME WARN YOU FIRST...


AS IF I'D EVER WASTE THEM NOW. ♥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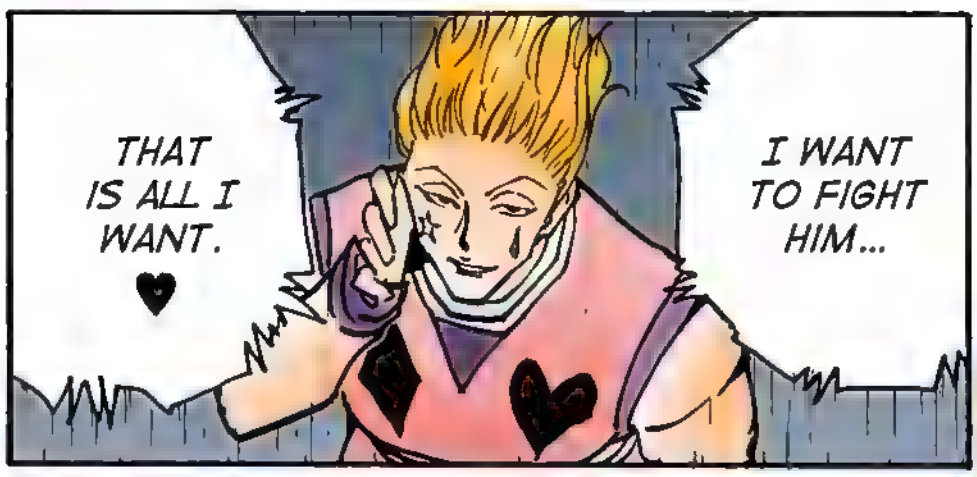
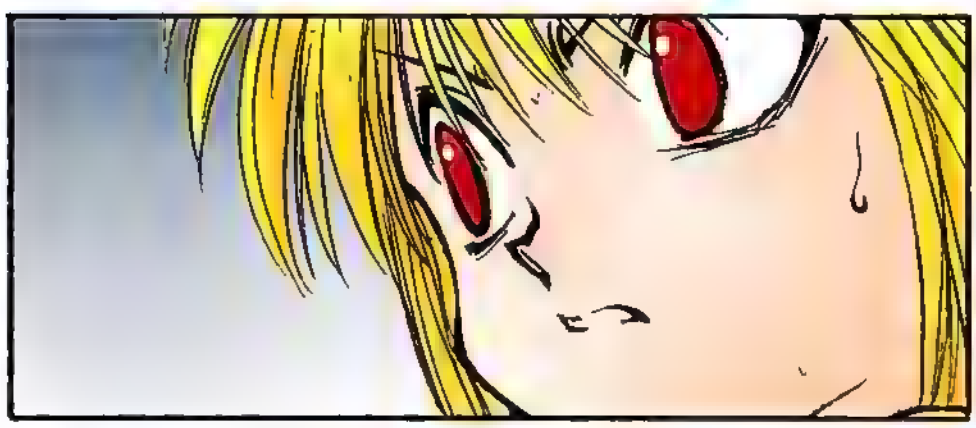
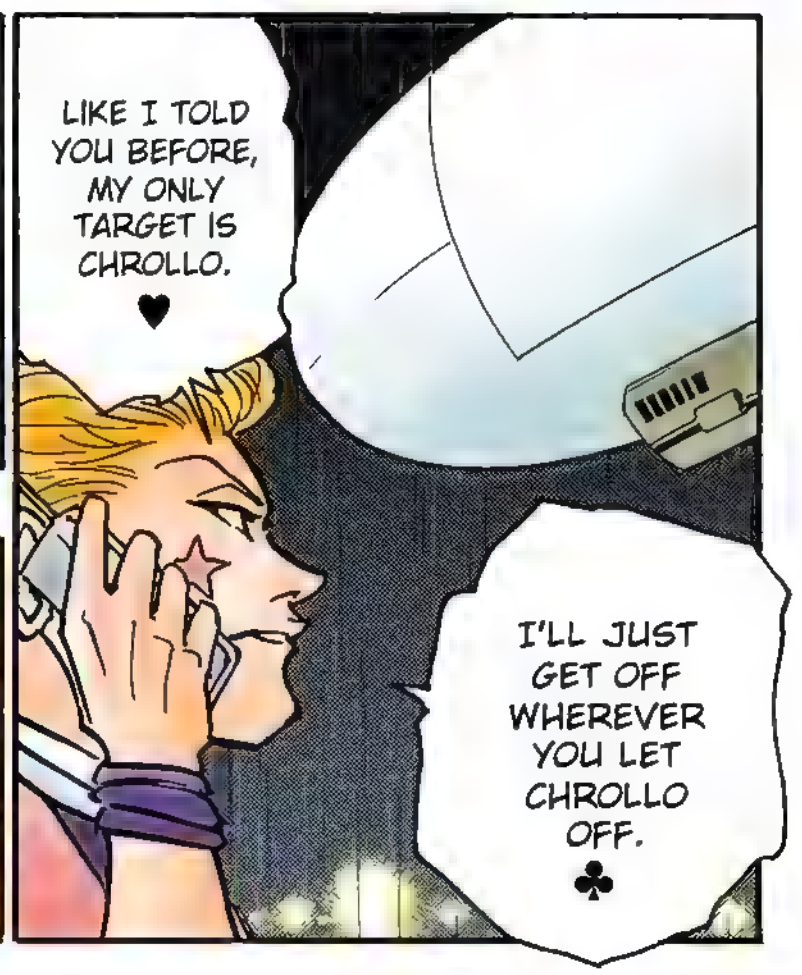
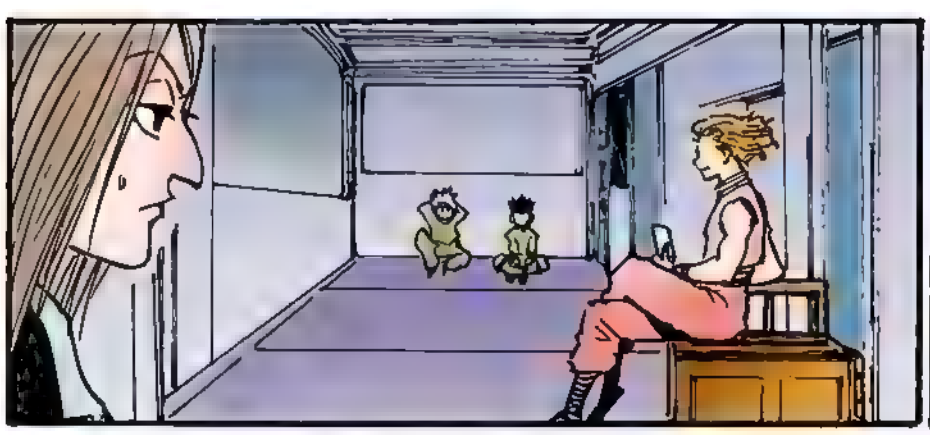
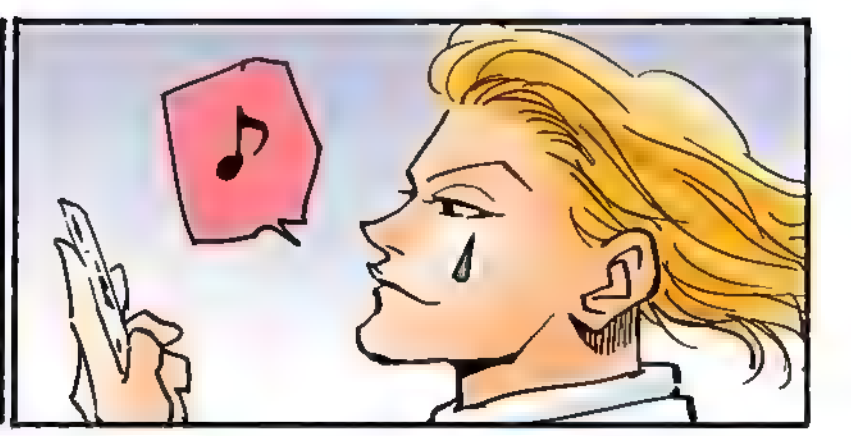
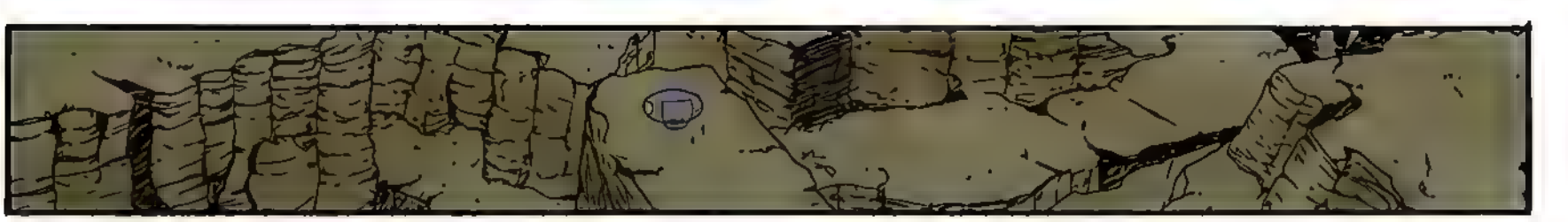

THAT IS ALL I WANT. ♥
I WANT TO FIGHT HIM...

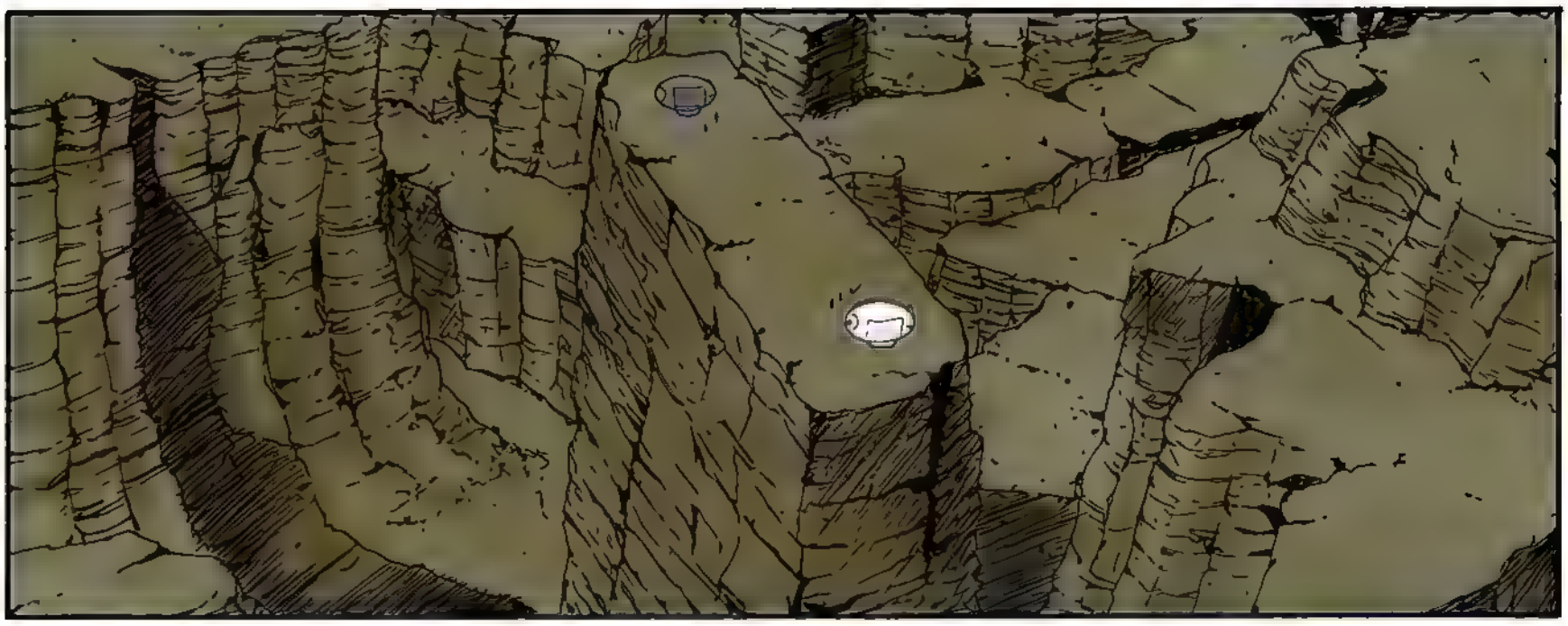


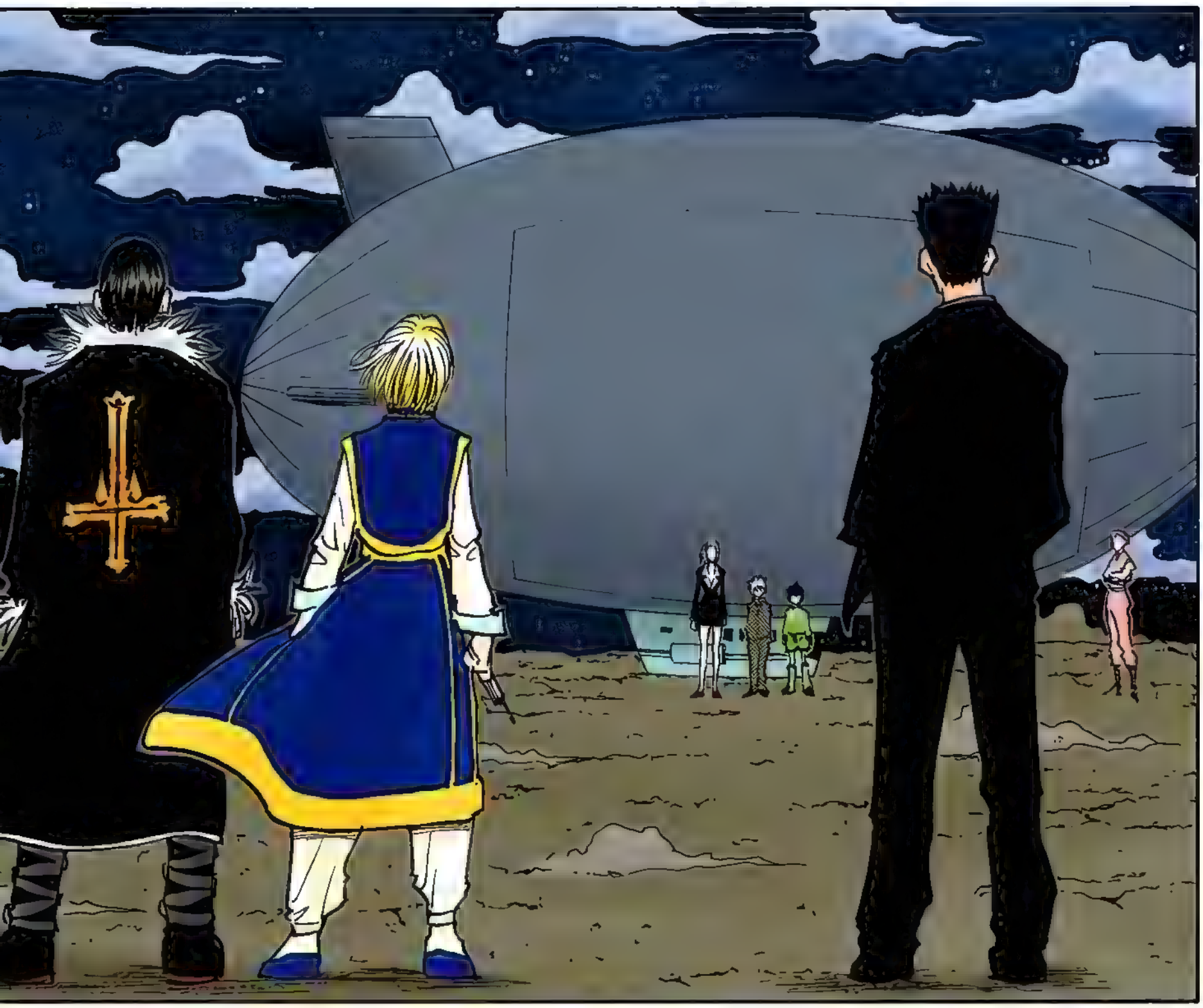

LIKE I TOLD YOU BEFORE, MY ONLY TARGET IS CHROLLO. ♥
I'LL JUST GET OFF WHEREVER YOU LET CHROLLO OFF. ♣

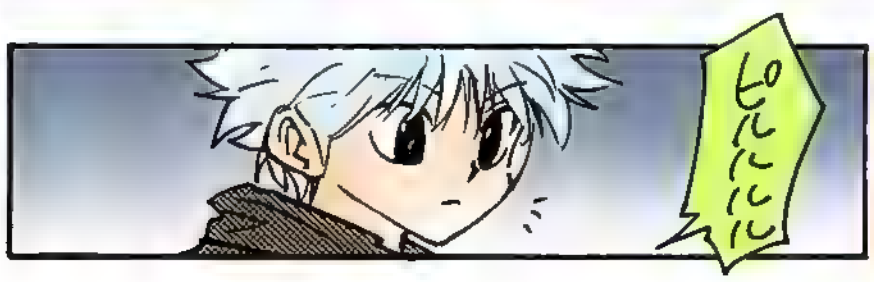








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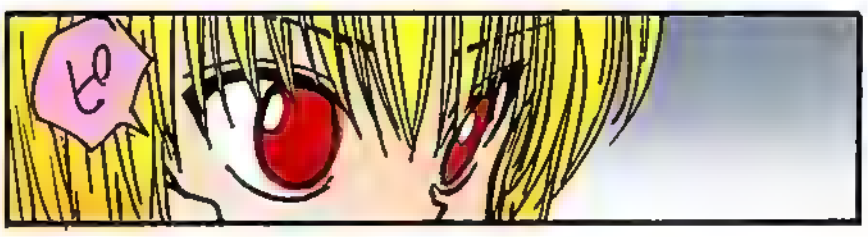
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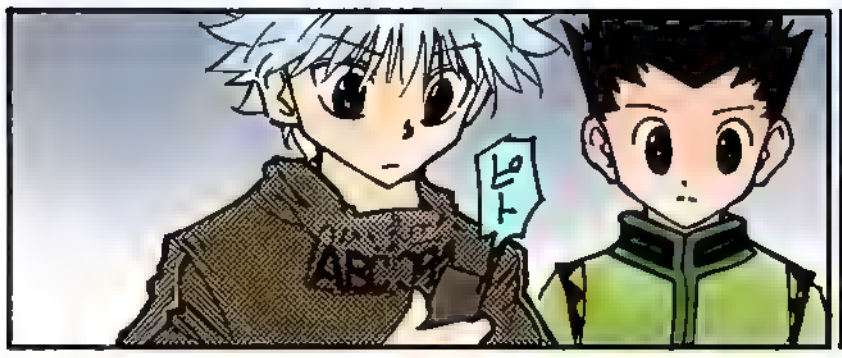
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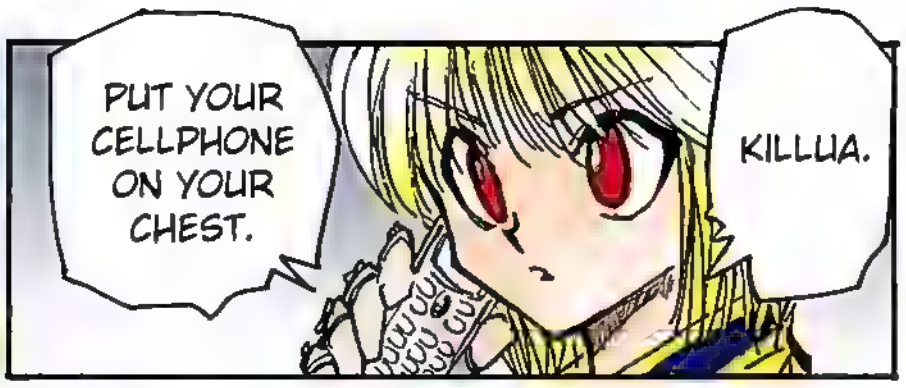
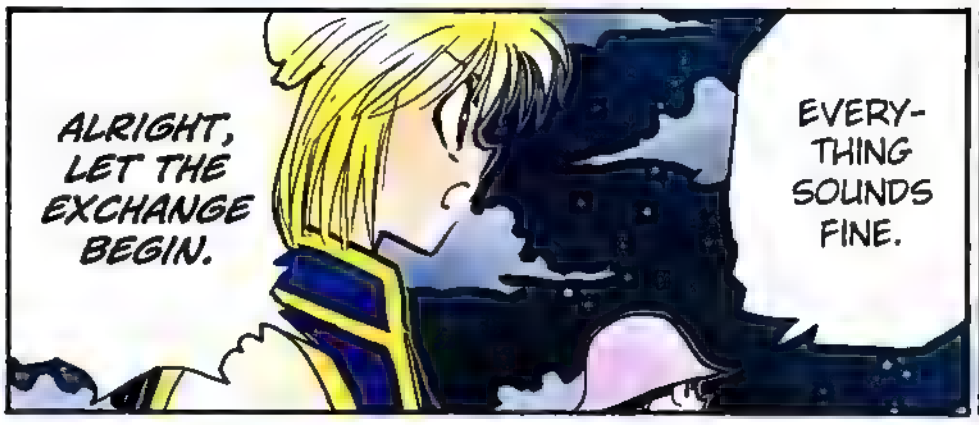

PUT YOUR CELLPHONE ON YOUR CHEST.
KILLUA.


ALRIGHT, LET THE EXCHANGE BEGIN.
EVERY-THING SOUNDS FINE.

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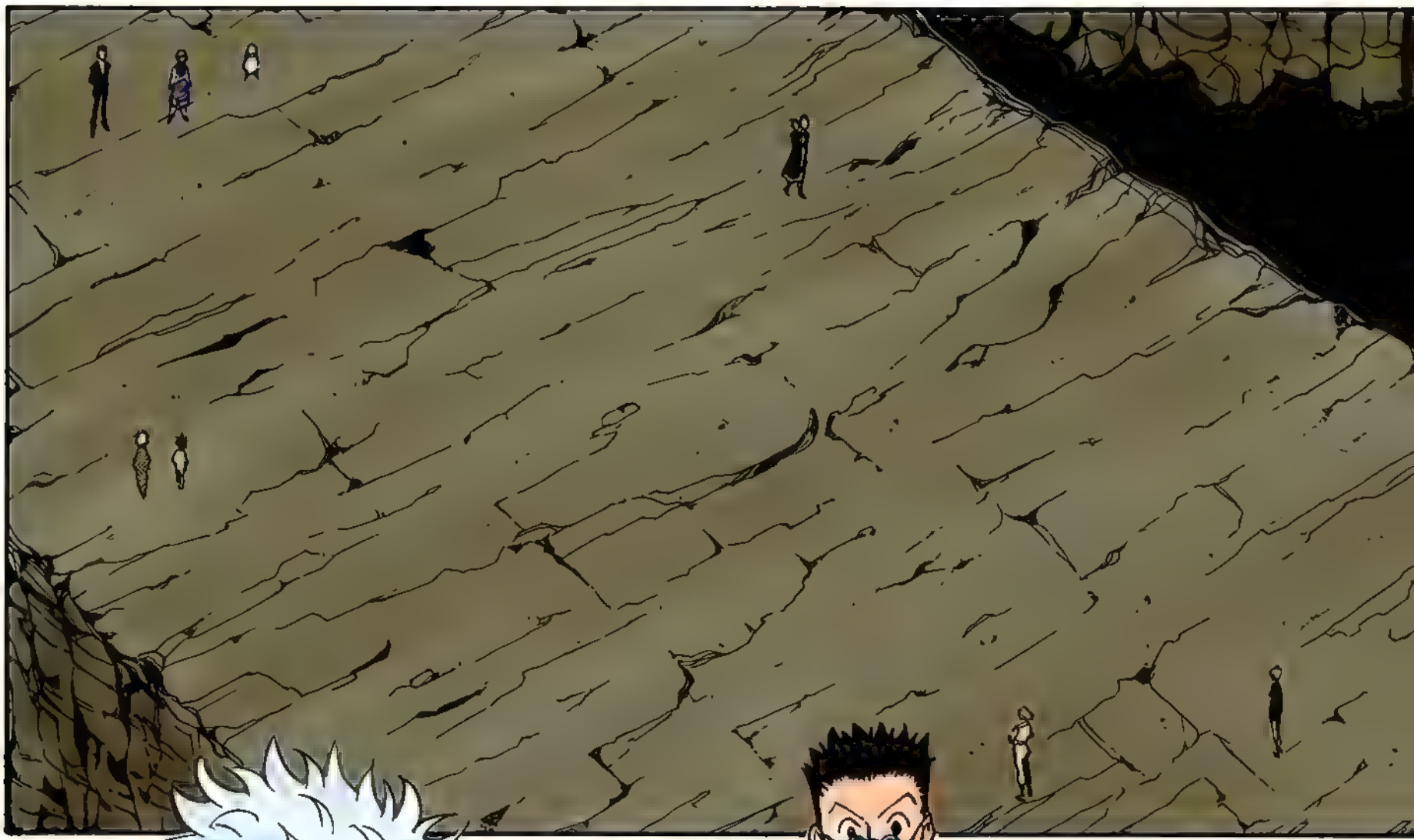
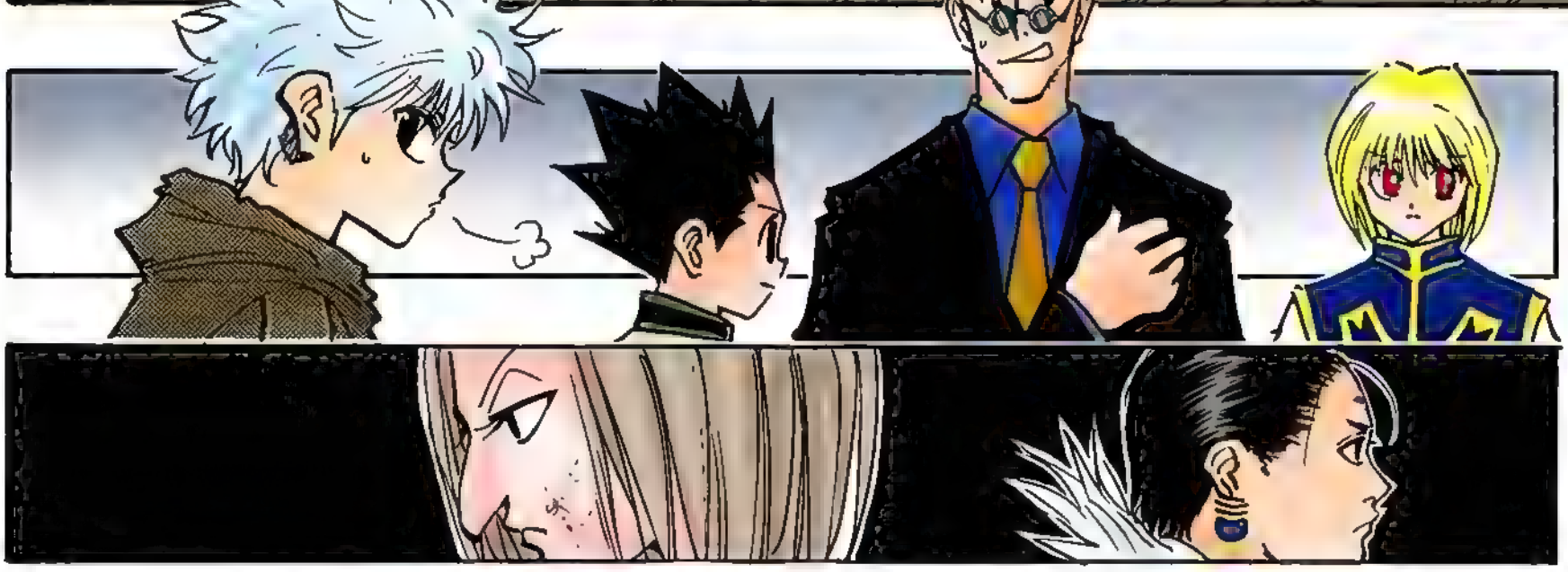
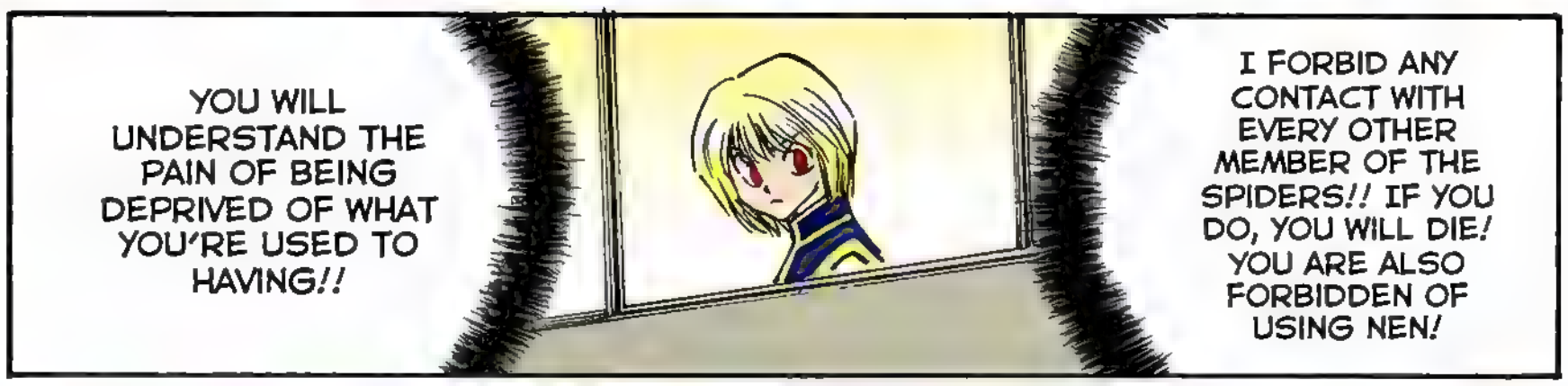
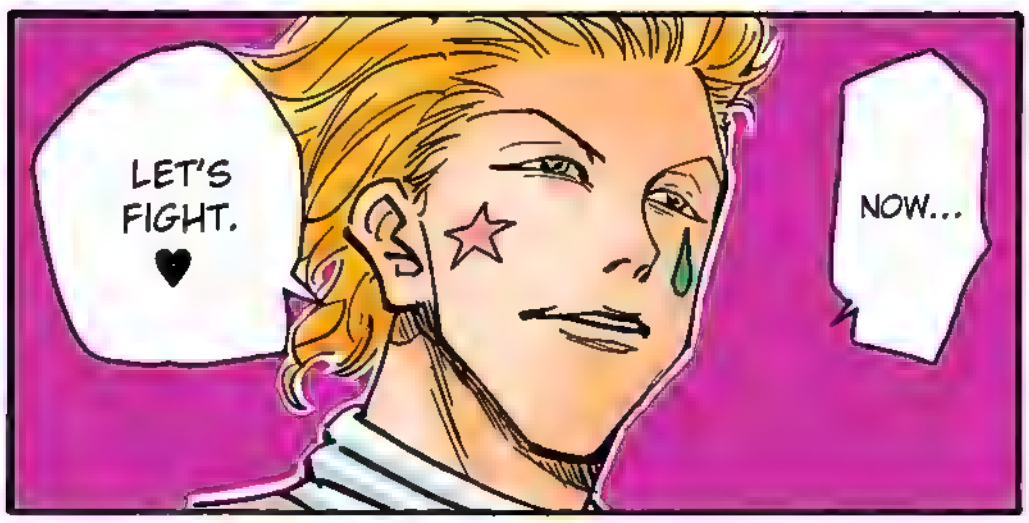
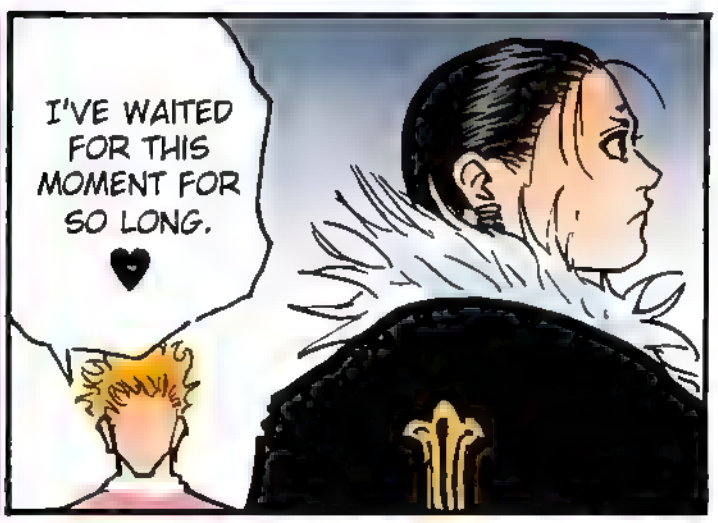
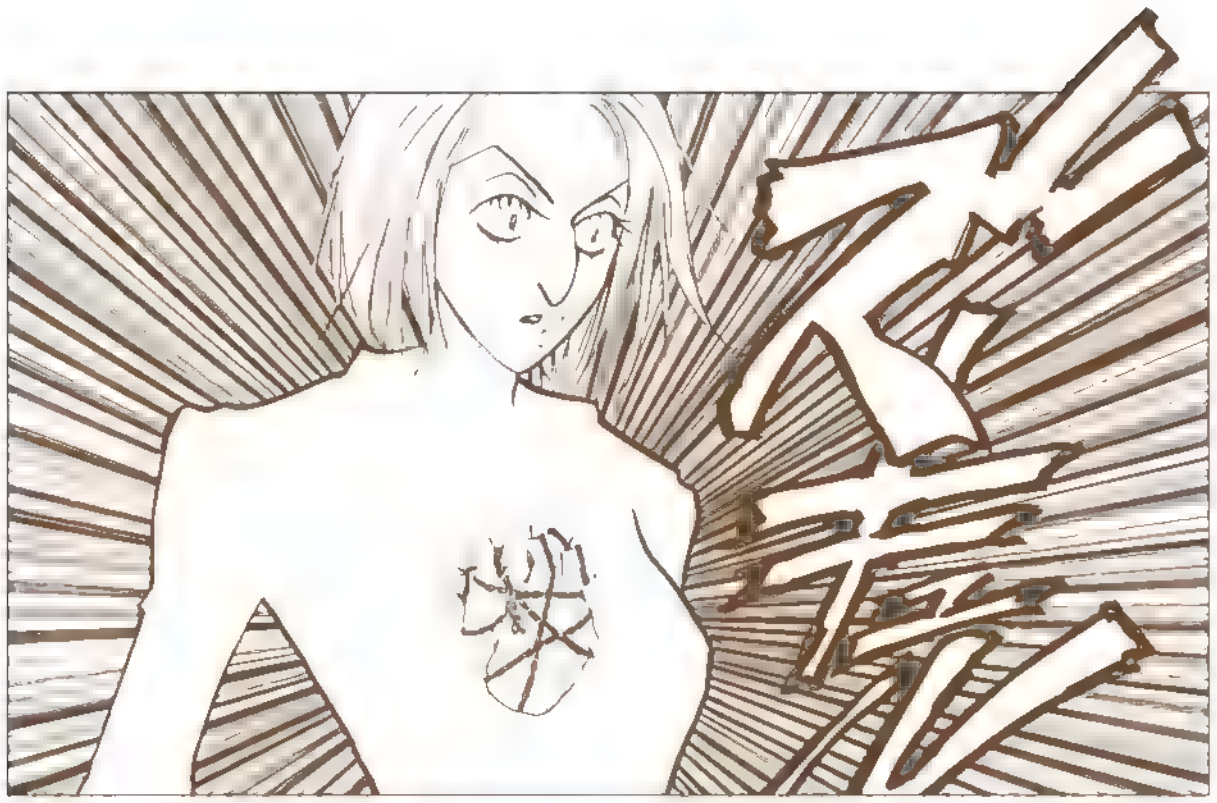


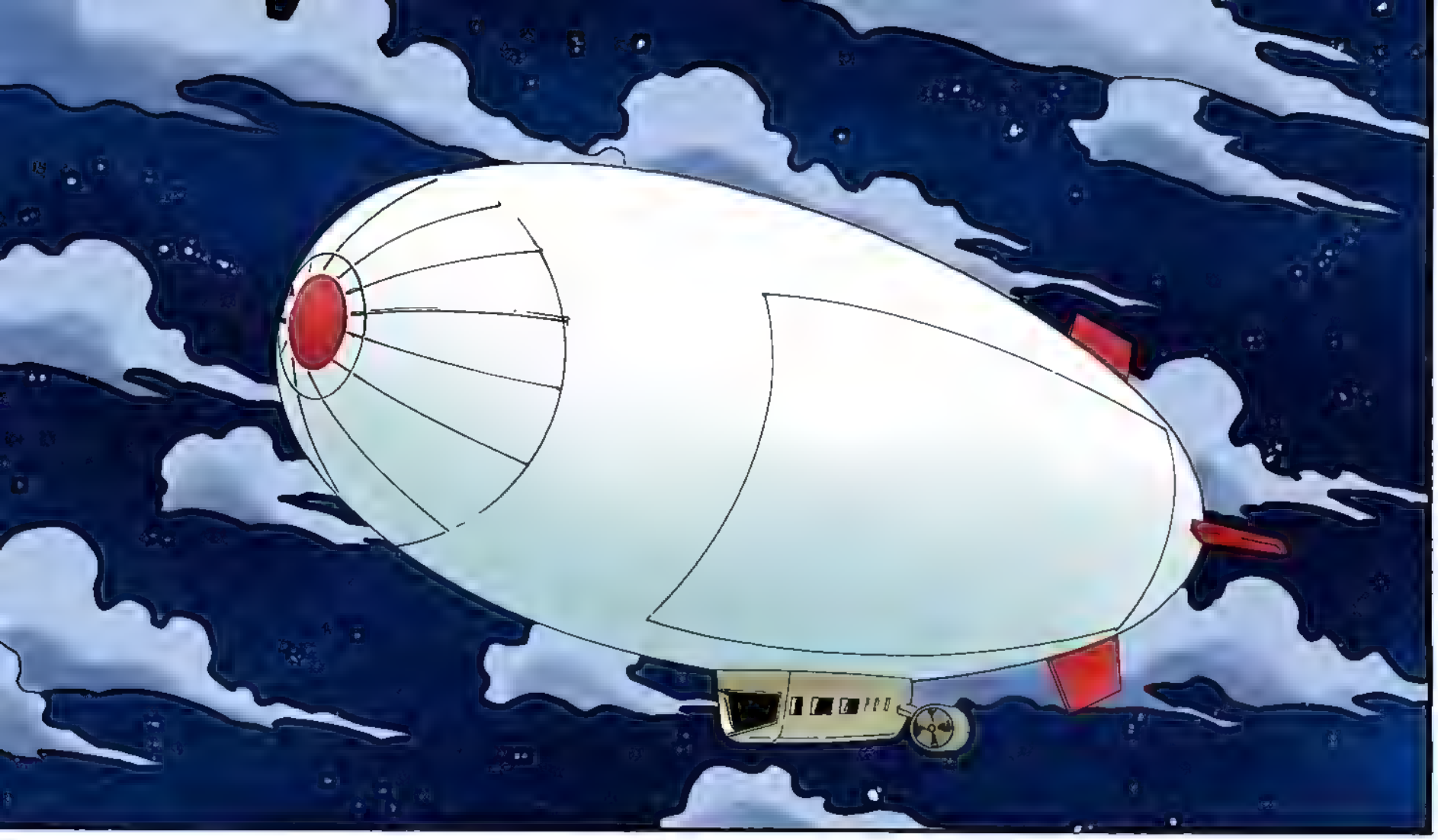


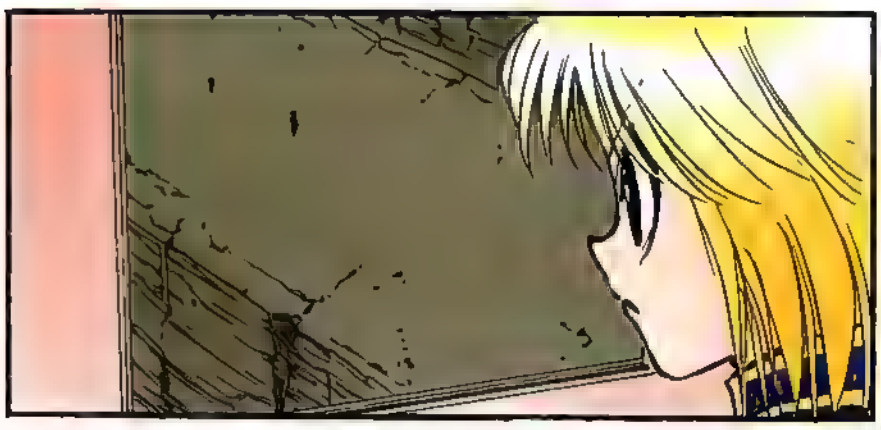

YOU WILL UNDERSTAND THE PAIN OF BEING DEPRIVED OF WHAT YOU'RE USED TO HAVING!!
I FORBID ANY CONTACT WITH EVERY OTHER MEMBER OF THE SPIDERS!! IF YOU DO, YOU WILL DIE! YOU ARE ALSO FORBIDDEN OF USING NEN!

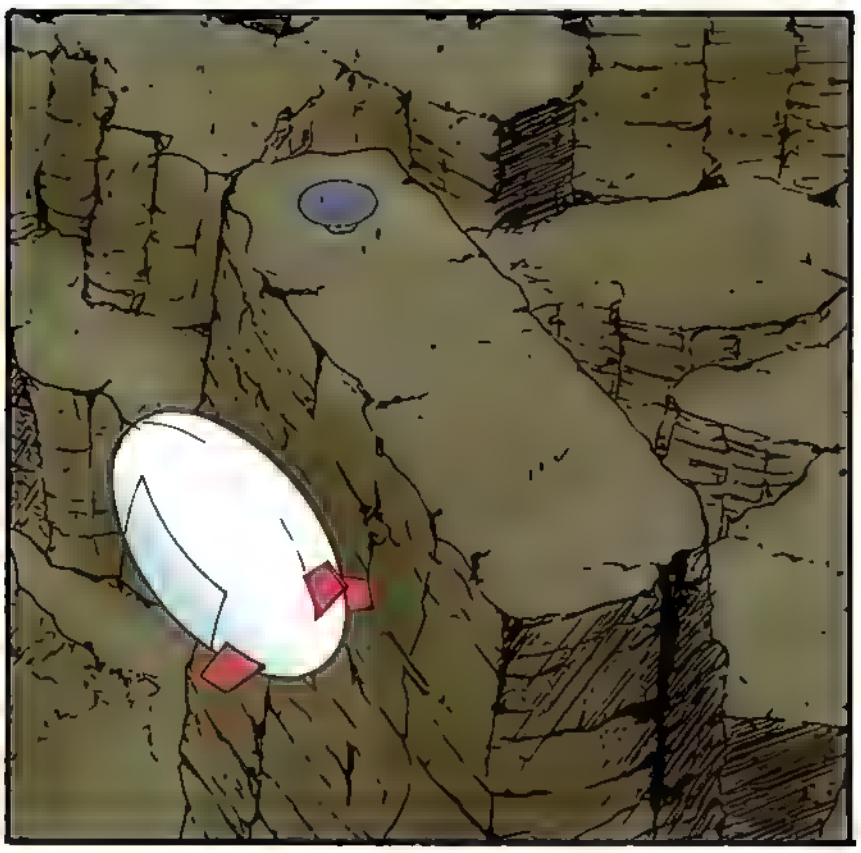

LET'S FIGHT. ♥
NOW...

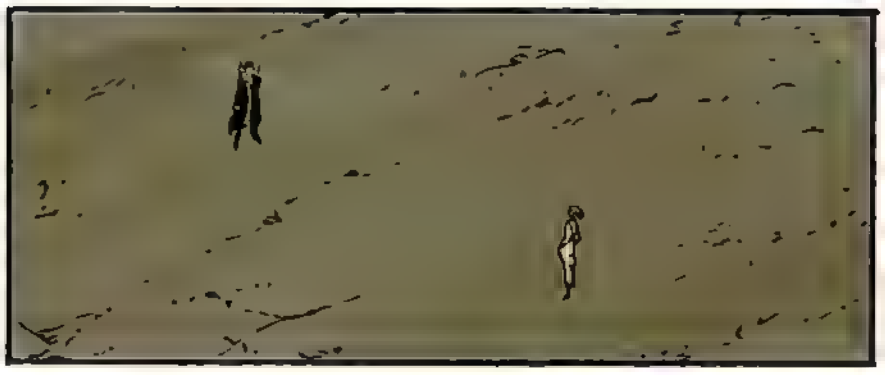

I'VE WAITED FOR THIS MOMENT FOR SO LONG. ♥











I JOINED THE SPIDERS...
OR RATHER ...
I PRETEND TO JOIN THE SPIDERS, TO ONE DAY FIGHT YOU. ♥
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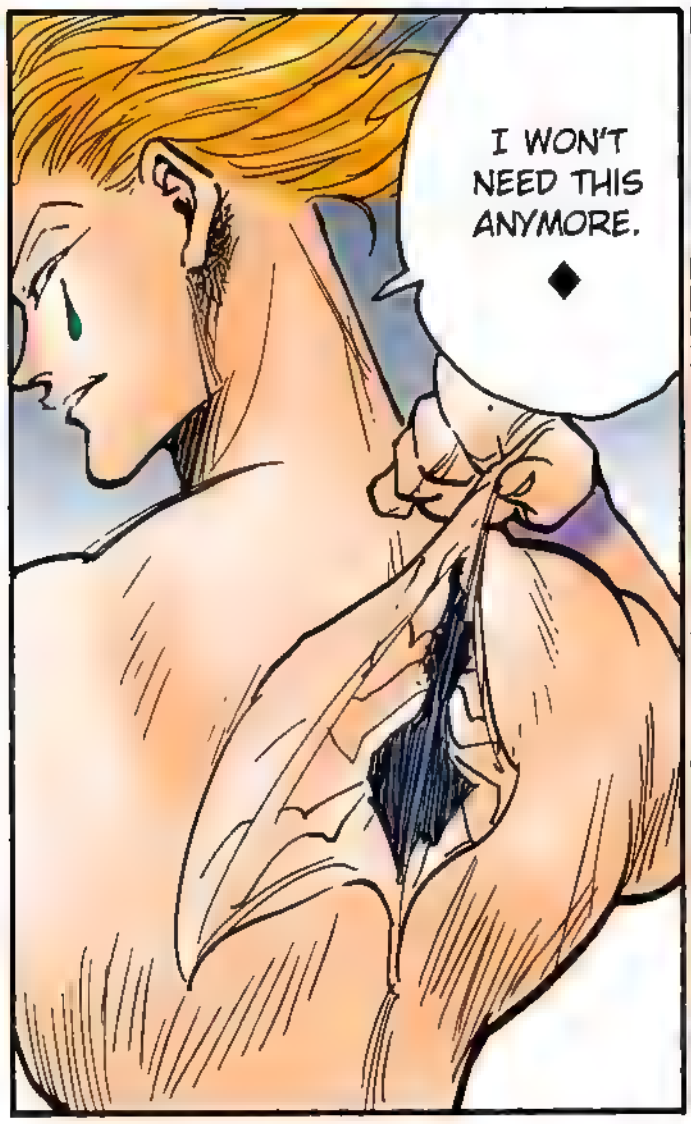
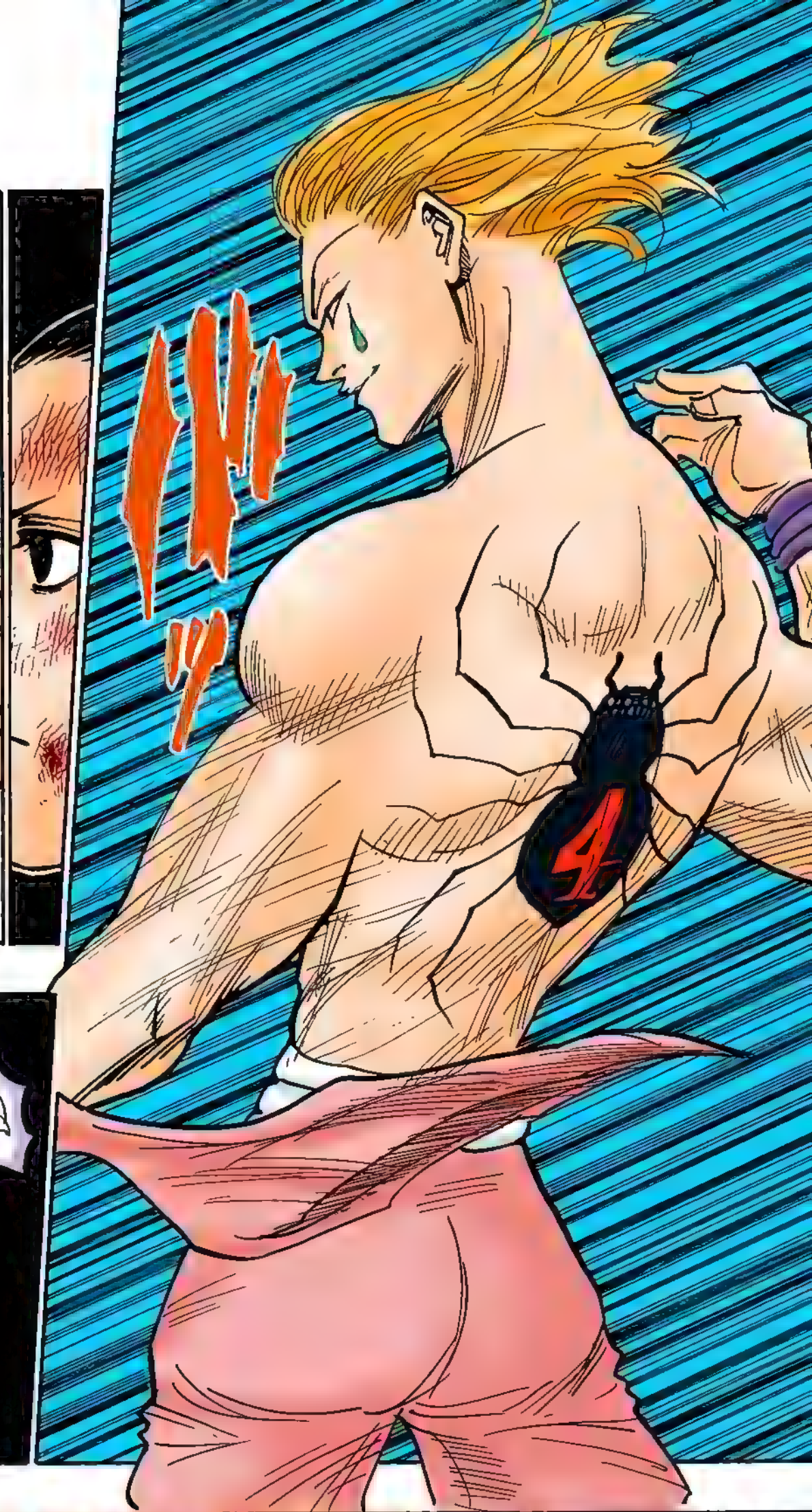
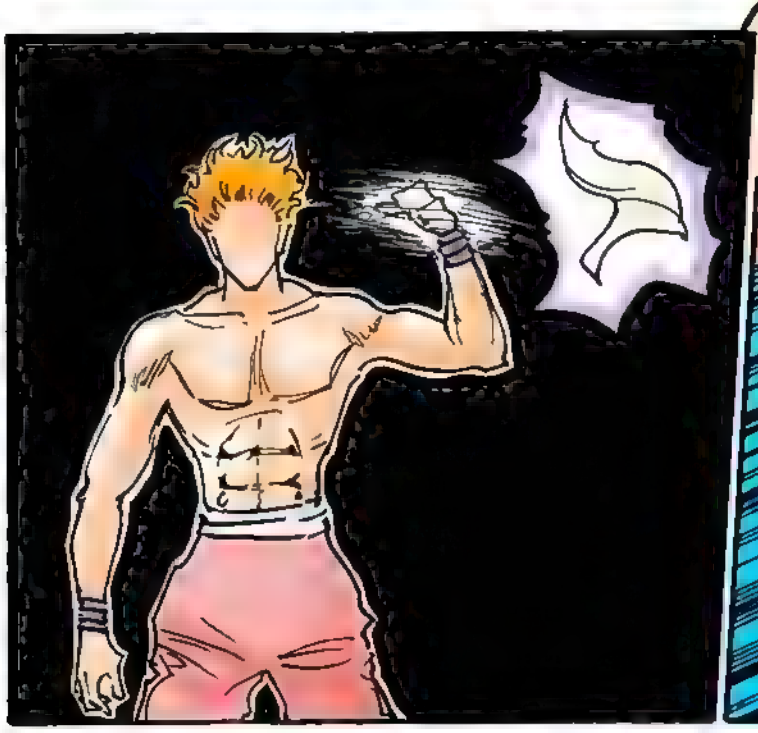
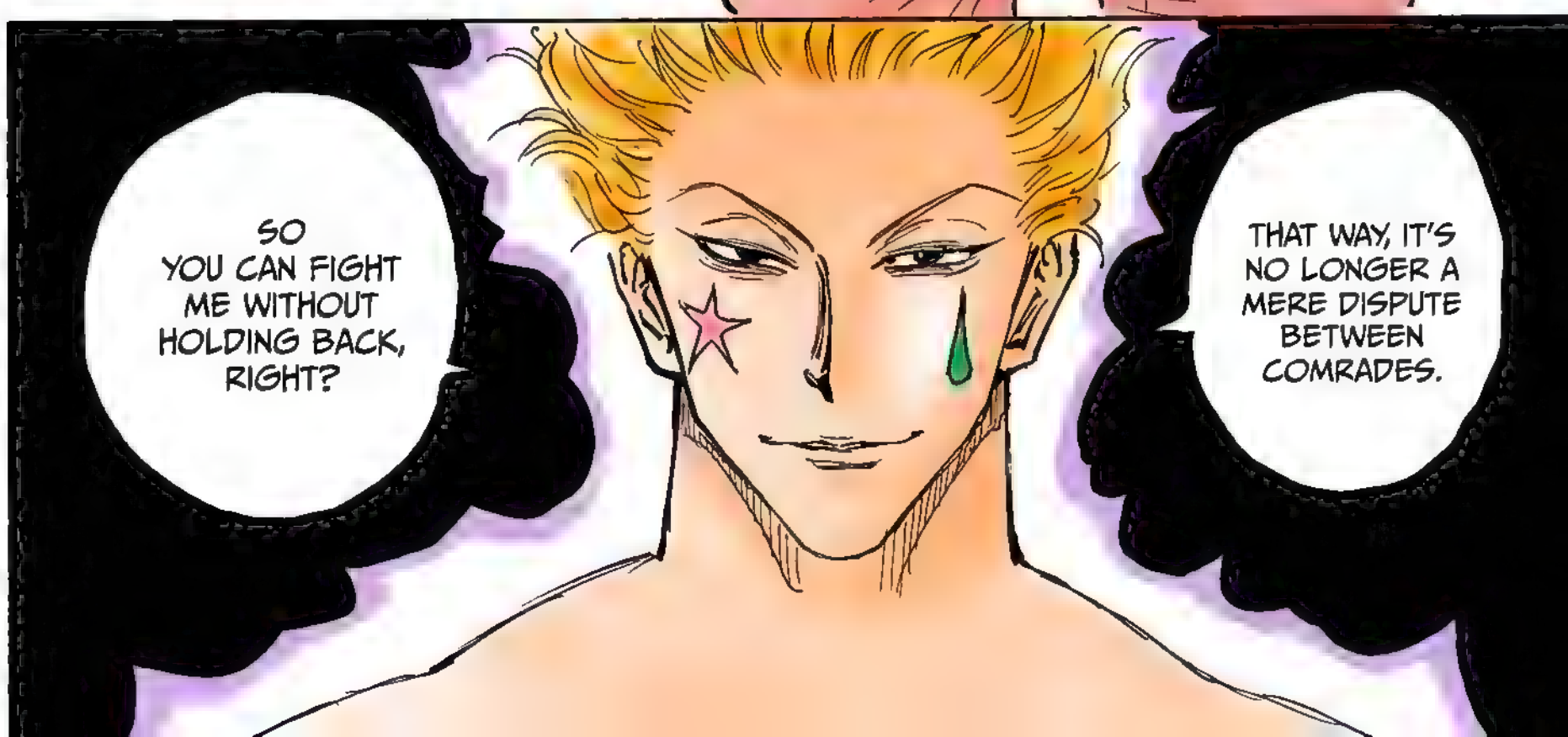
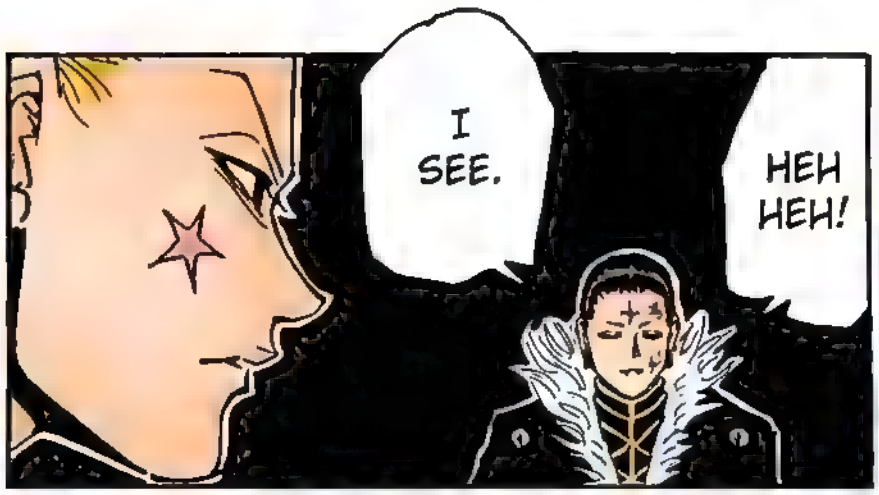
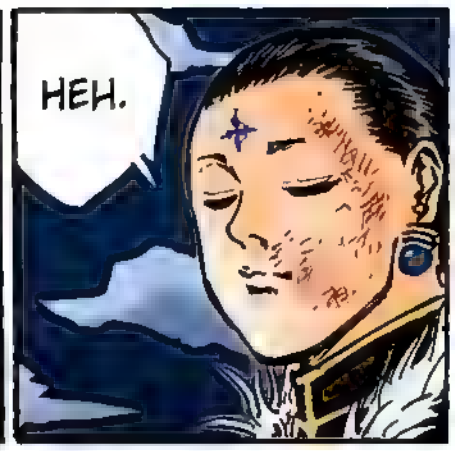

I WON'T NEED THIS ANYMORE.

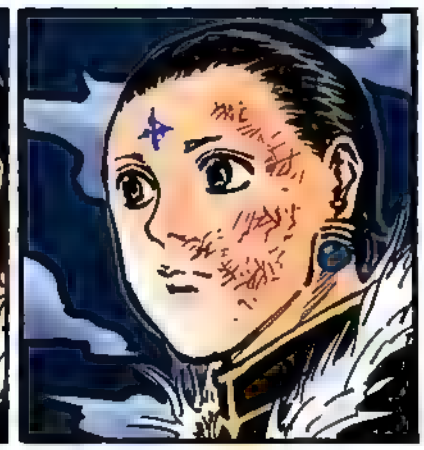





SO YOU CAN FIGHT ME WITHOUT HOLDING BACK, RIGHT?
THAT WAY, IT'S NO LONGER A MERE DISPUTE BETWEEN COMRADES.


I SEE.
HEH HEH!


HEH.



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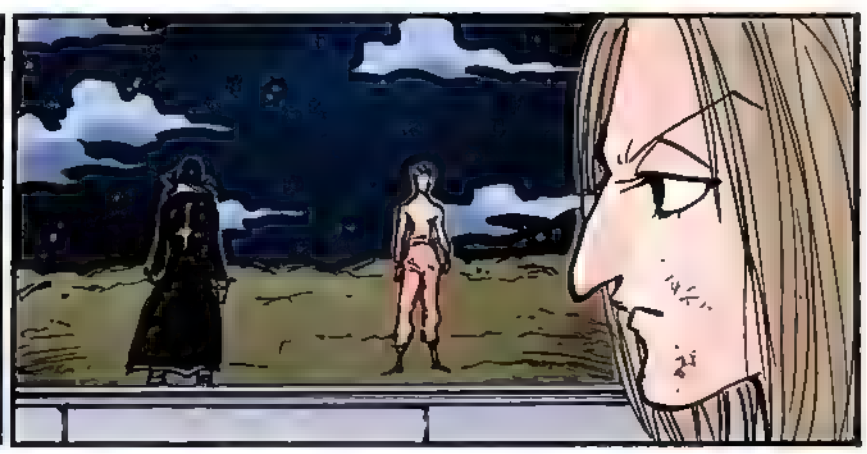
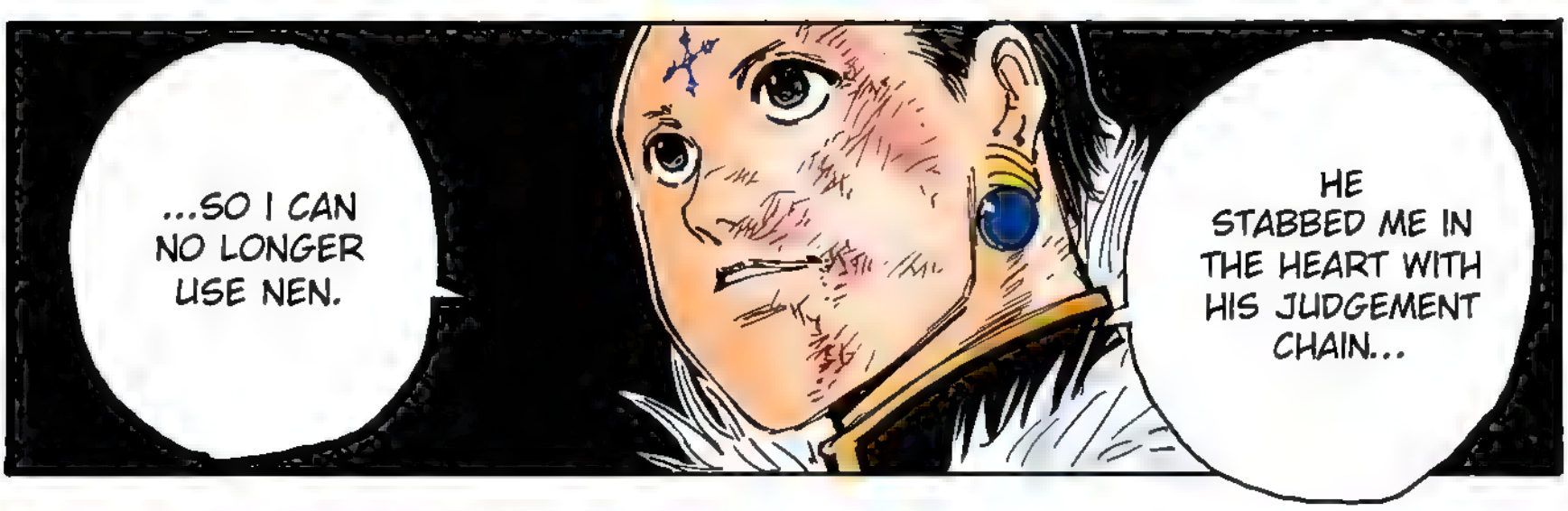
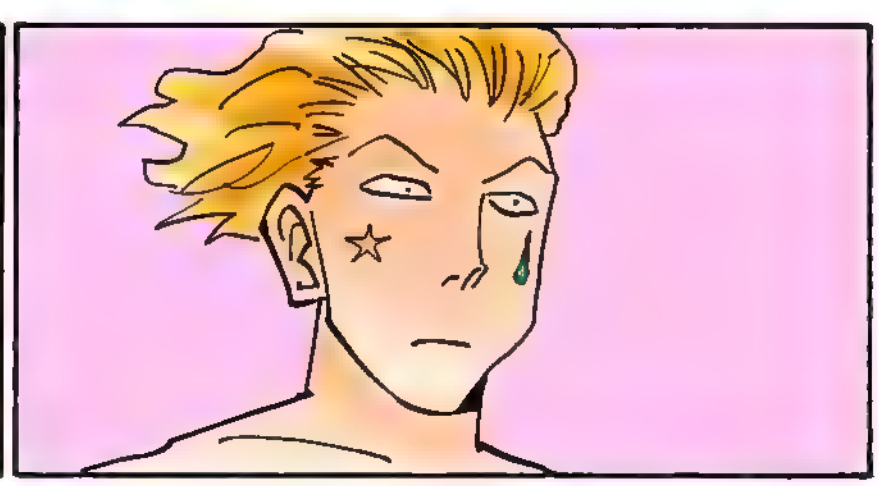
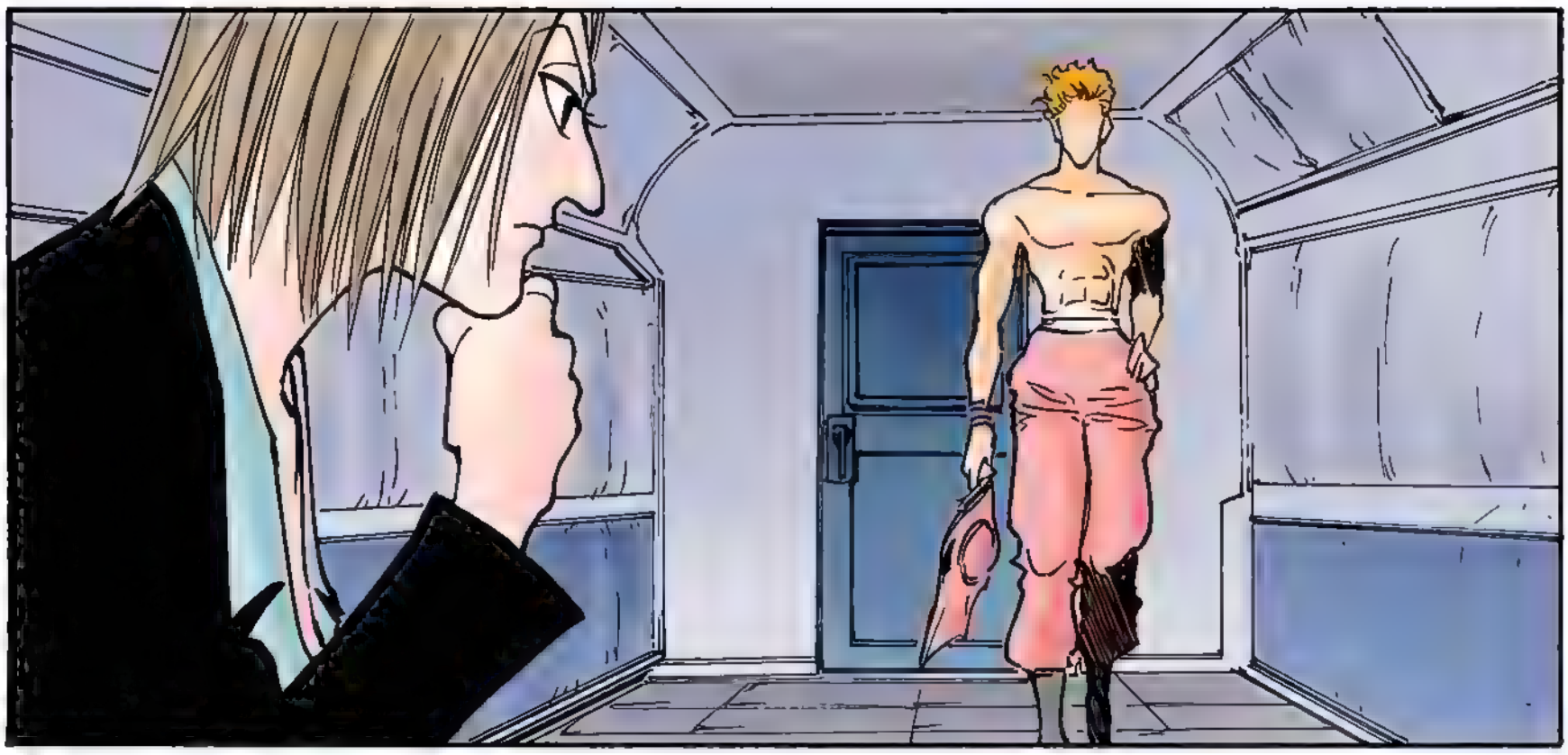
BUT... I CAN'T FIGHT YOU.
SINCE YOU'RE NOT A MEMBER OF THE SPIDERS, I GUESS I CAN TELL YOU.

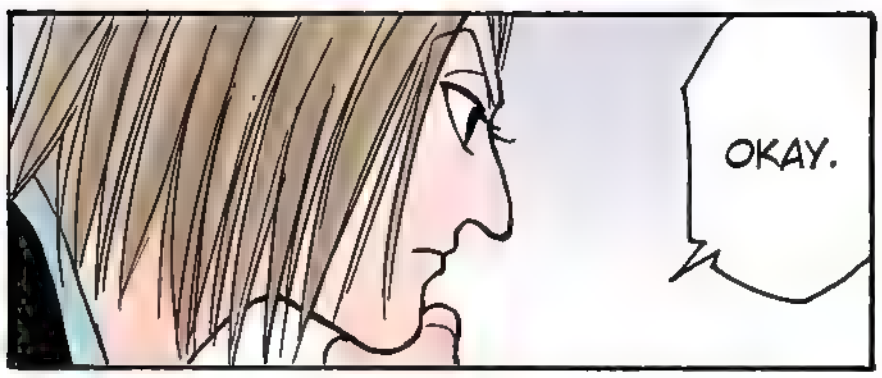
...I'M NOT WORTH FIGHTING.
OR RATHER ...

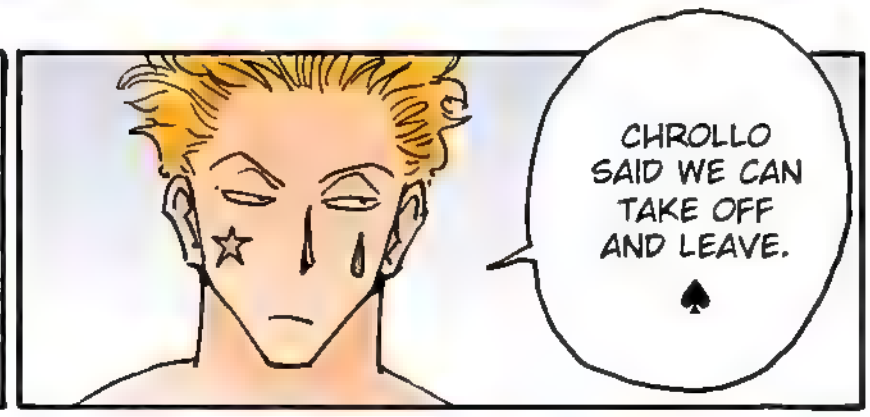



...SO I CAN NO LONGER USE NEN.
HE STABBED ME IN THE HEART WITH HIS JUDGEMENT CHAIN...






OKAY.


CHROLLO SAID WE CAN TAKE OFF AND LEAVE.
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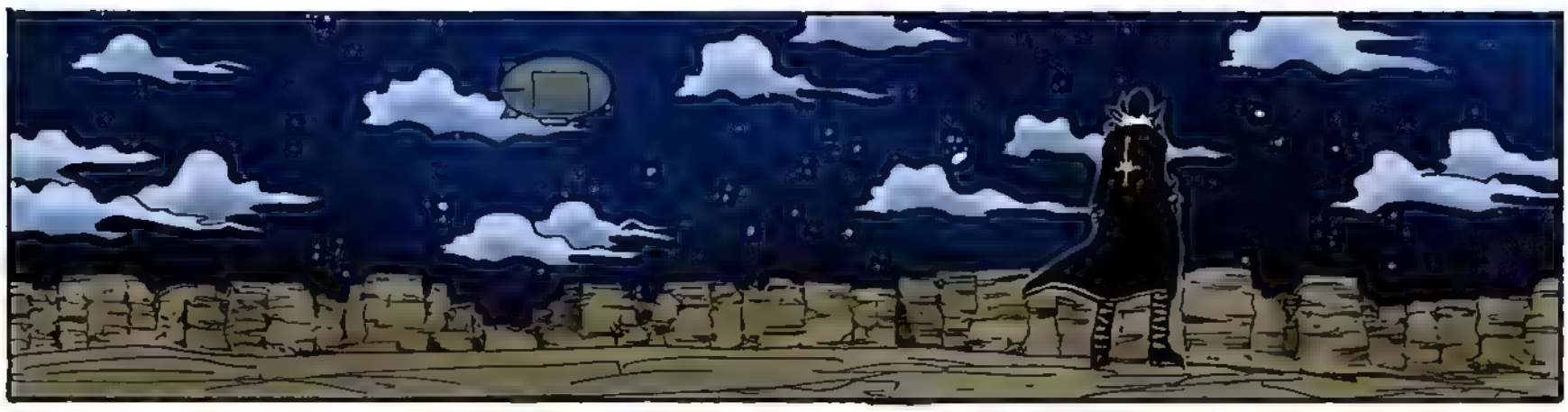
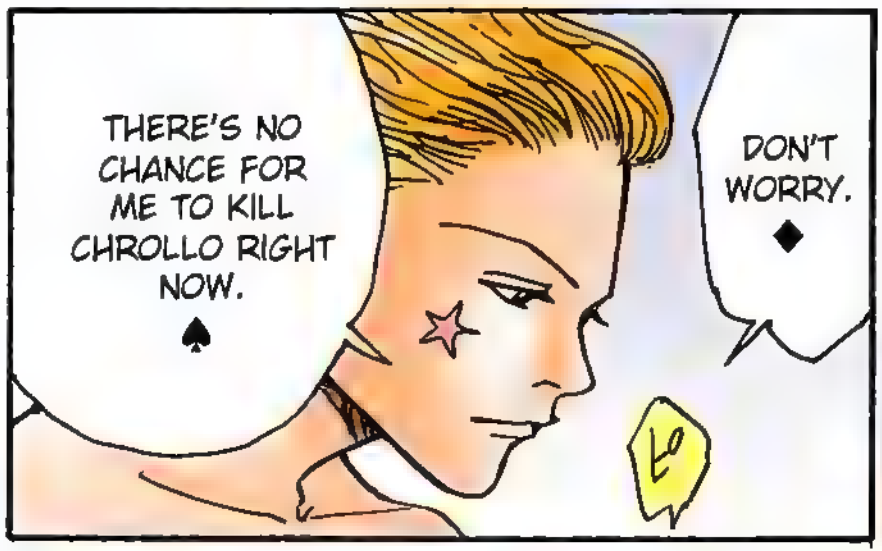
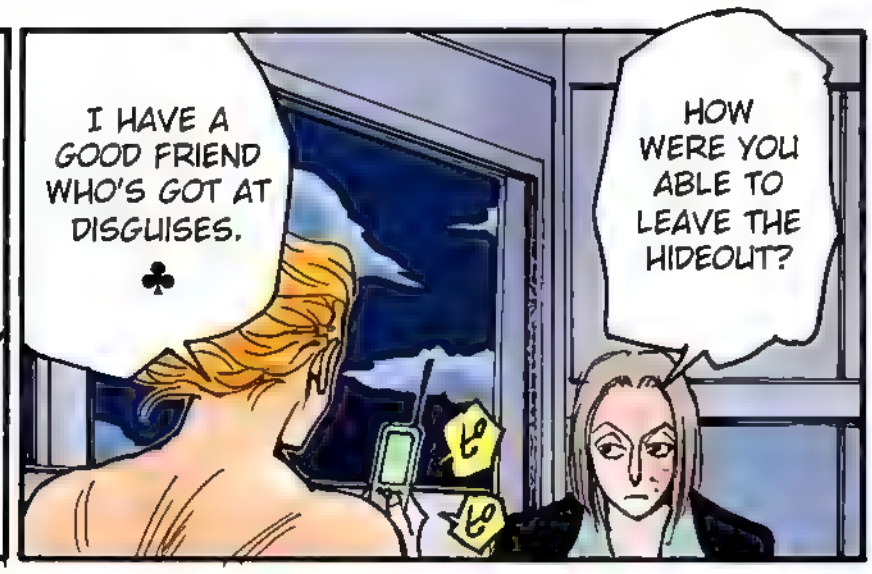
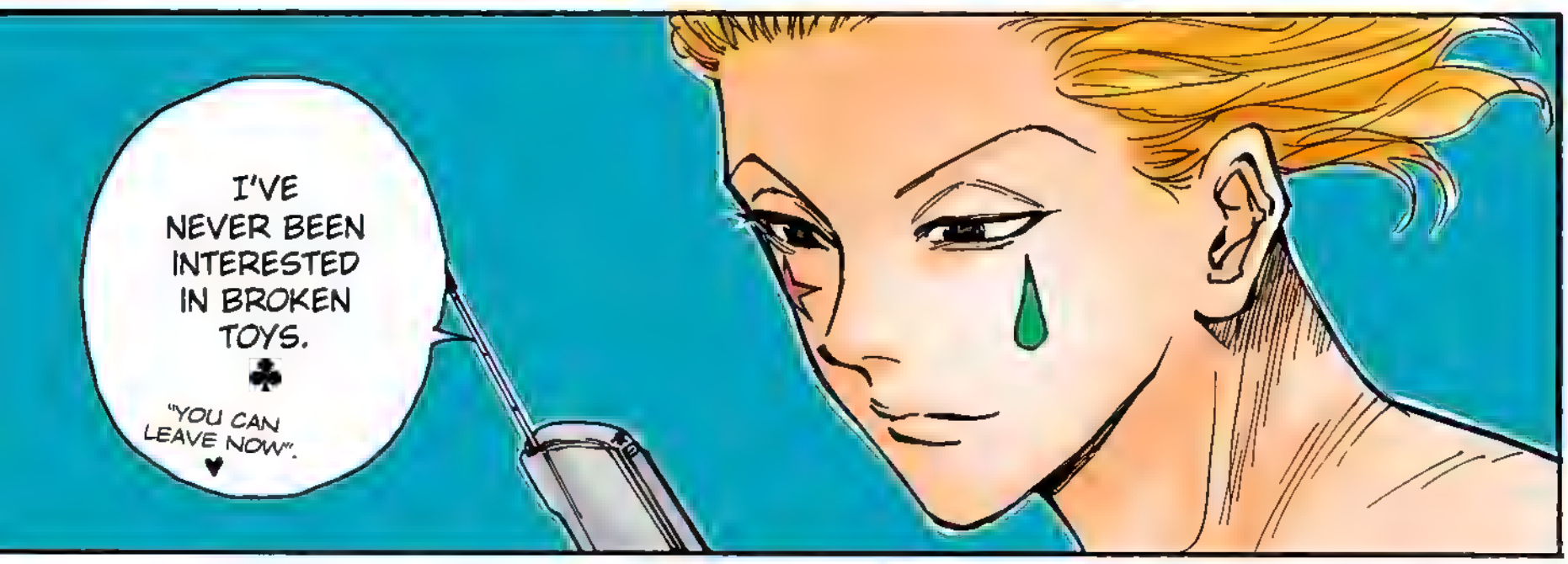
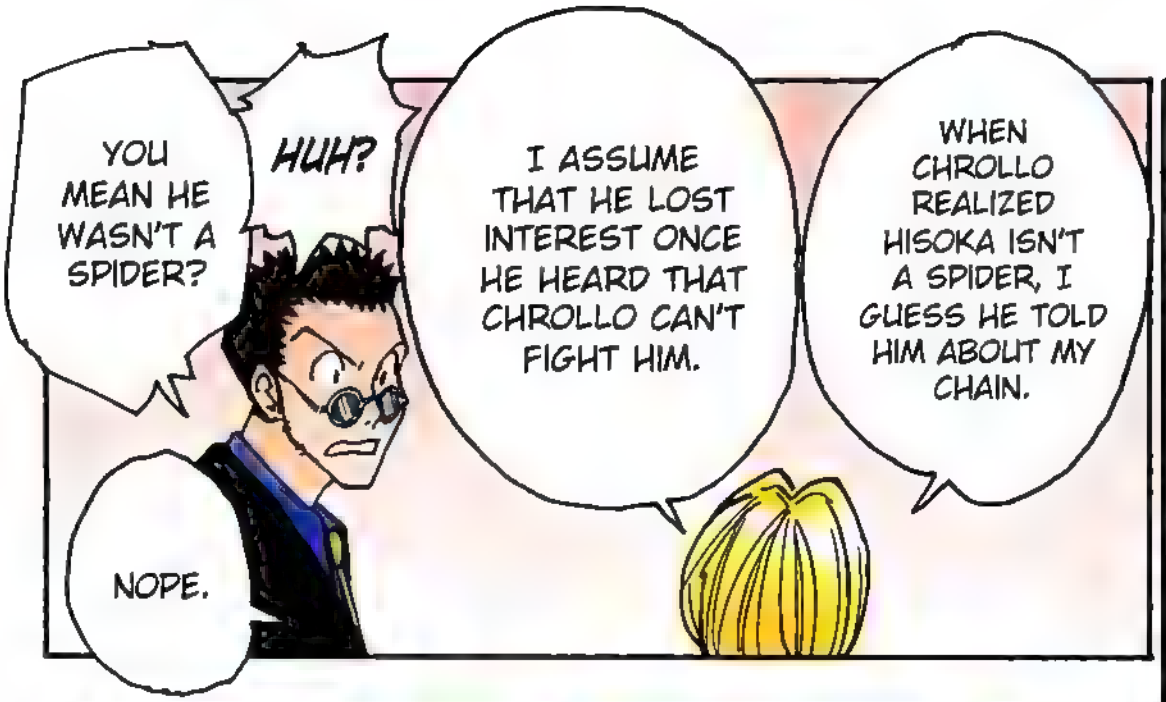
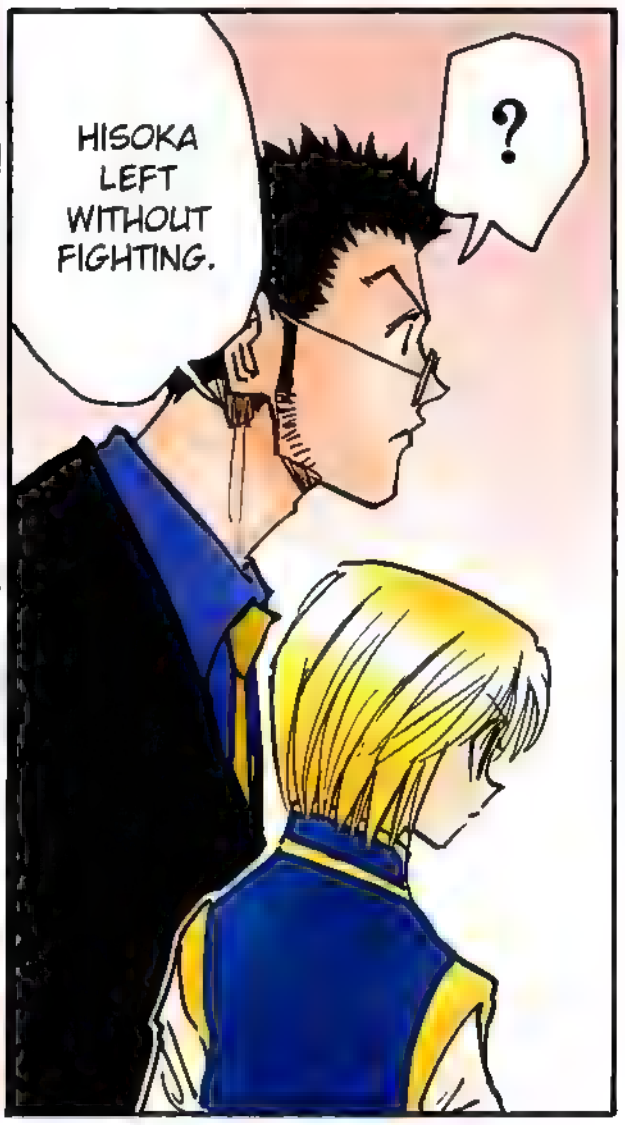



THERE'S NO CHANCE FOR ME TO KILL CHROLLO RIGHT NOW. ♠
DON'T WORRY. ◆


I HAVE A GOOD FRIEND WHO'S GOT AT DISGUISES. ♣
HOW WERE YOU ABLE TO LEAVE THE HIDEOUT?


I'VE NEVER BEEN INTERESTED IN BROKEN TOYS. ♣
"YOU CAN LEAVE NOW". ♥


YOU MEAN HE WASN'T A SPIDER?
HUH?
NOPE.
I ASSUME THAT HE LOST INTEREST ONCE HE HEARD THAT CHROLLO CAN'T FIGHT HIM.
WHEN CHROLLO REALIZED HISOKA ISN'T A SPIDER, I GUESS HE TOLD HIM ABOUT MY CHAIN.


HISOKA LEFT WITHOUT FIGHTING.
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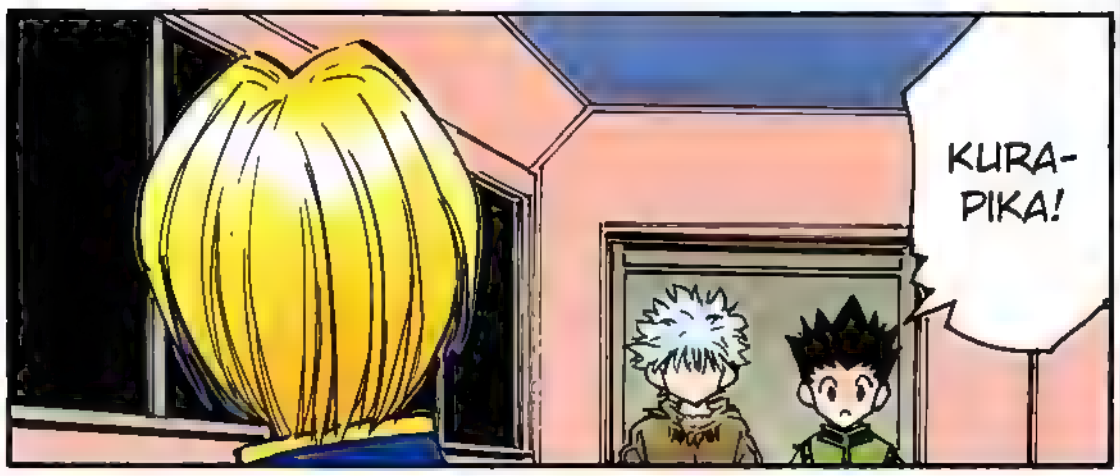
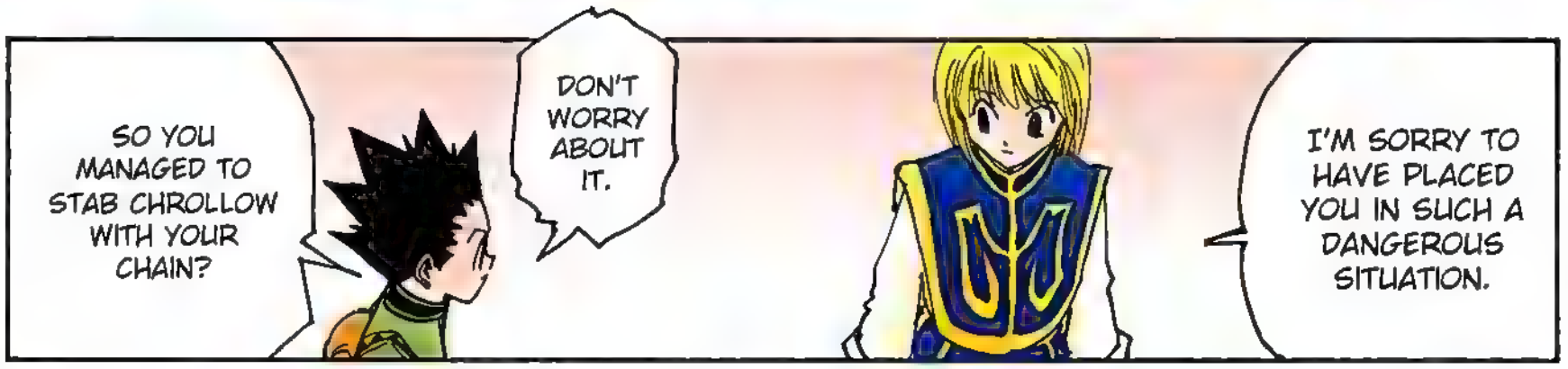
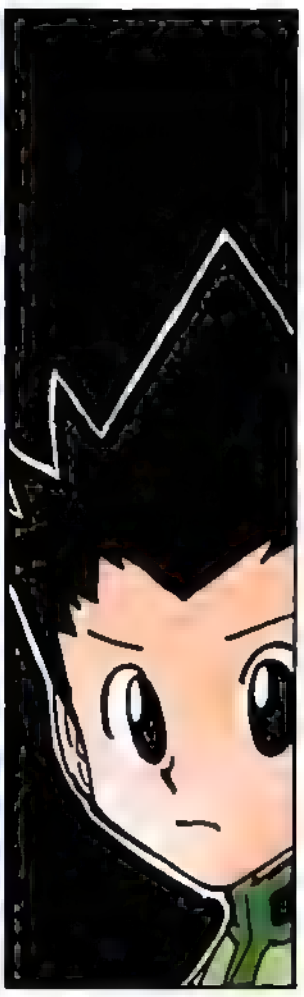

KURA-PIKA!


SO YOU MANAGED TO STAB CHROLLOW WITH YOUR CHAIN?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
I'M SORRY TO HAVE PLACED YOU IN SUCH A DANGEROUS SITUATION.



BUT THIS ISN'T THE END OF IT ALL.
YEAH.

THE BOSS HAS BEEN RELEASED.

YEAH I'M COMING BACK.

LIKE I SAID, WHEN I GET BACK.

FOR THE REST, I'LL TELL YOU ONCE I GET BACK.

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WELL, THIS IS WHERE WE PART WAYS...

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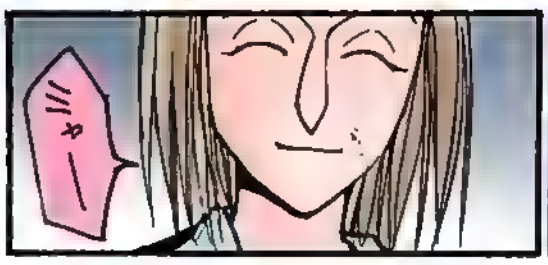
...AND THE SPIDERS SHOULD HAVE LOST HALF OF ITS MEMBERS BY THE TIME I LEFT. ♣

IN MY FORTUNE, MY FIGHT WITH CHROLLOW WAS SAID TO BE ON A TUESDAY..

OH, BY THE WAY. ◆

GOOD-BYE. ♠

EVERY STEP WE TAKE AMENDS OUR FATE. ◆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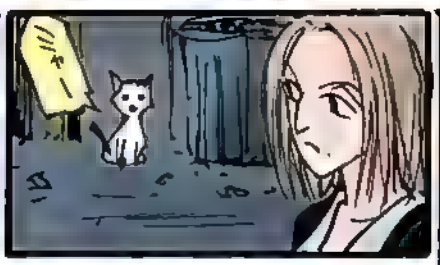
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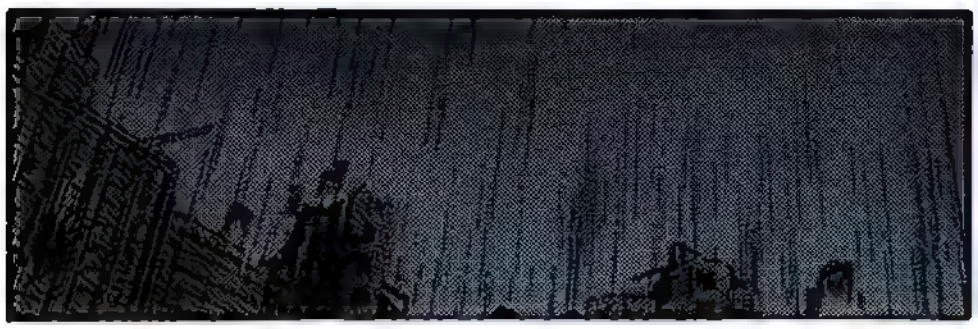

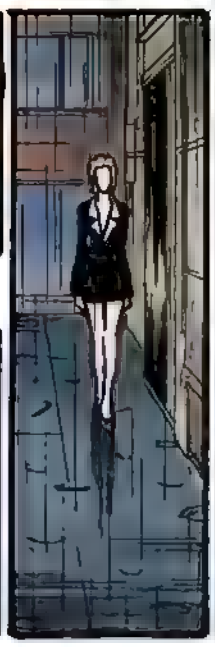

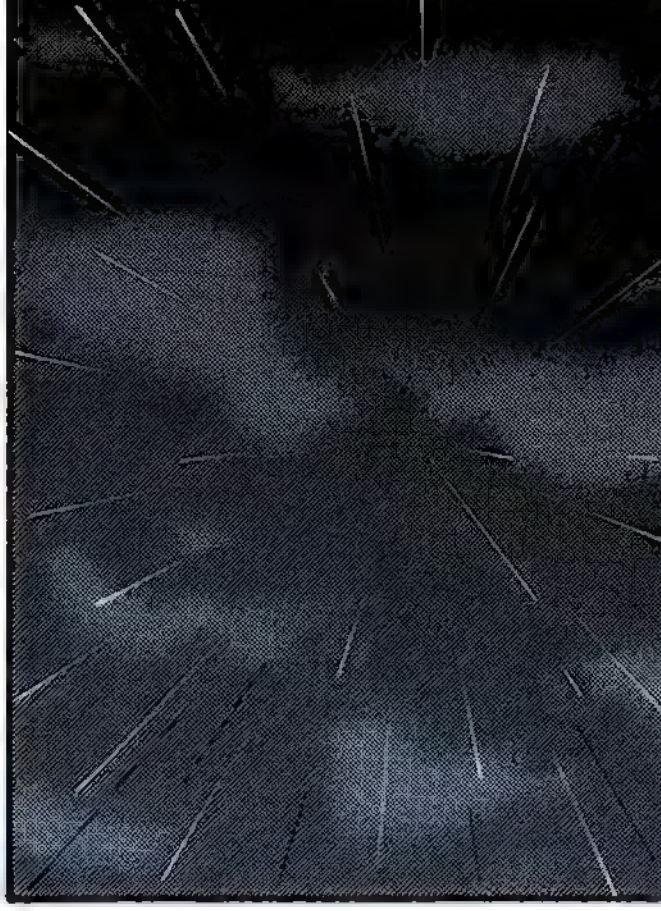

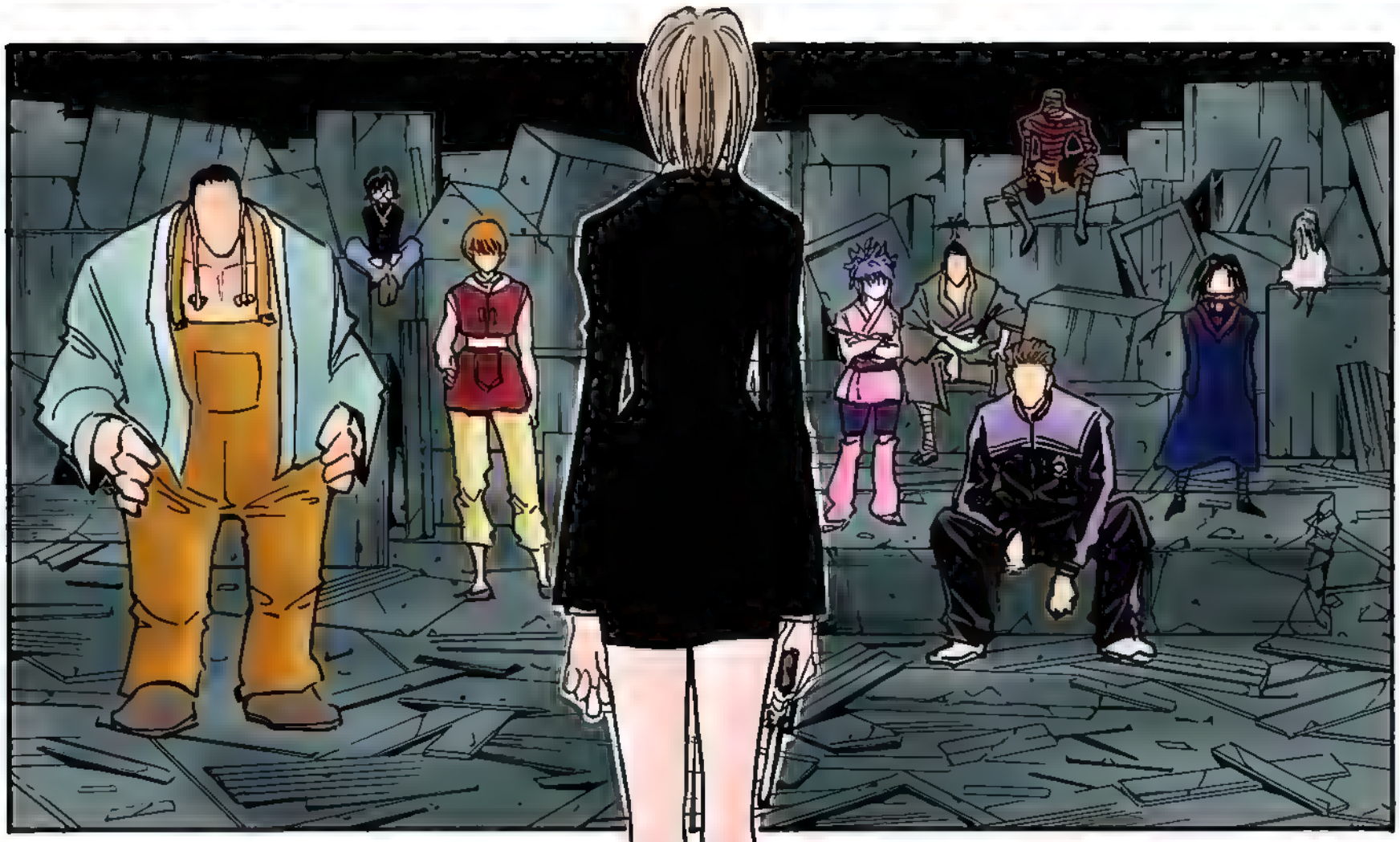

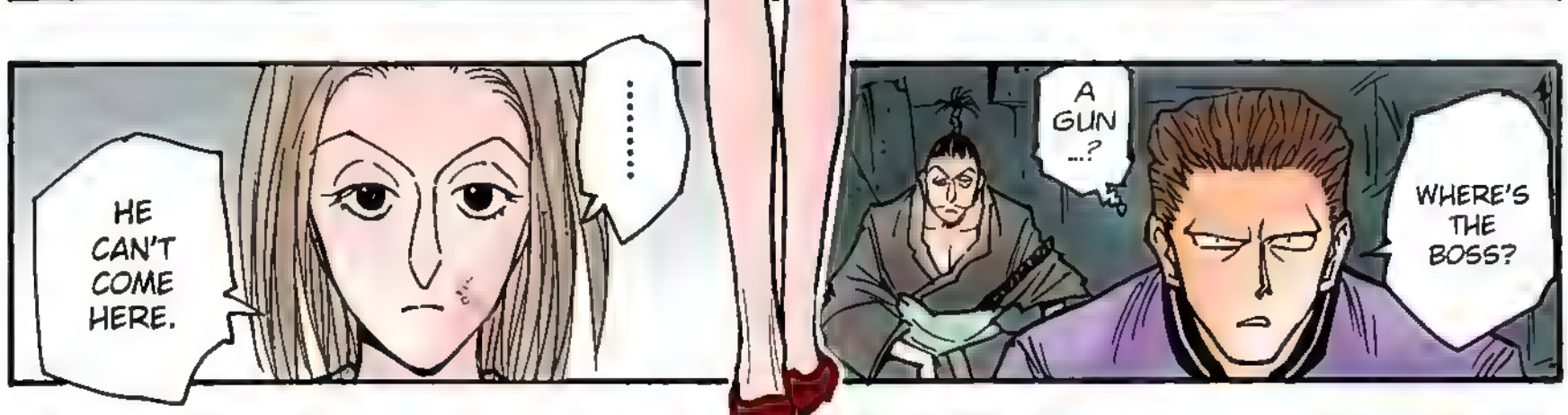
HE CAN'T COME HERE.
.....
A GUN ...?
WHERE'S THE BOSS?

I WILL.
YOU BETTER START TALKING!
IS THIS SOME SICK JOKE ?!
HUH?

DON'T WORRY.

YES, I KNOW.

AND IF WE DON'T LIKE WHAT WE HEAR FROM YOU...

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THE EXACT NUMBER WE WERE DURING FORMATION...

I CAN SHOOT 6 BULLETS AT ONCE.

FRAN-KLIN.

SHAL-NARK.

NOBU-NAGA.

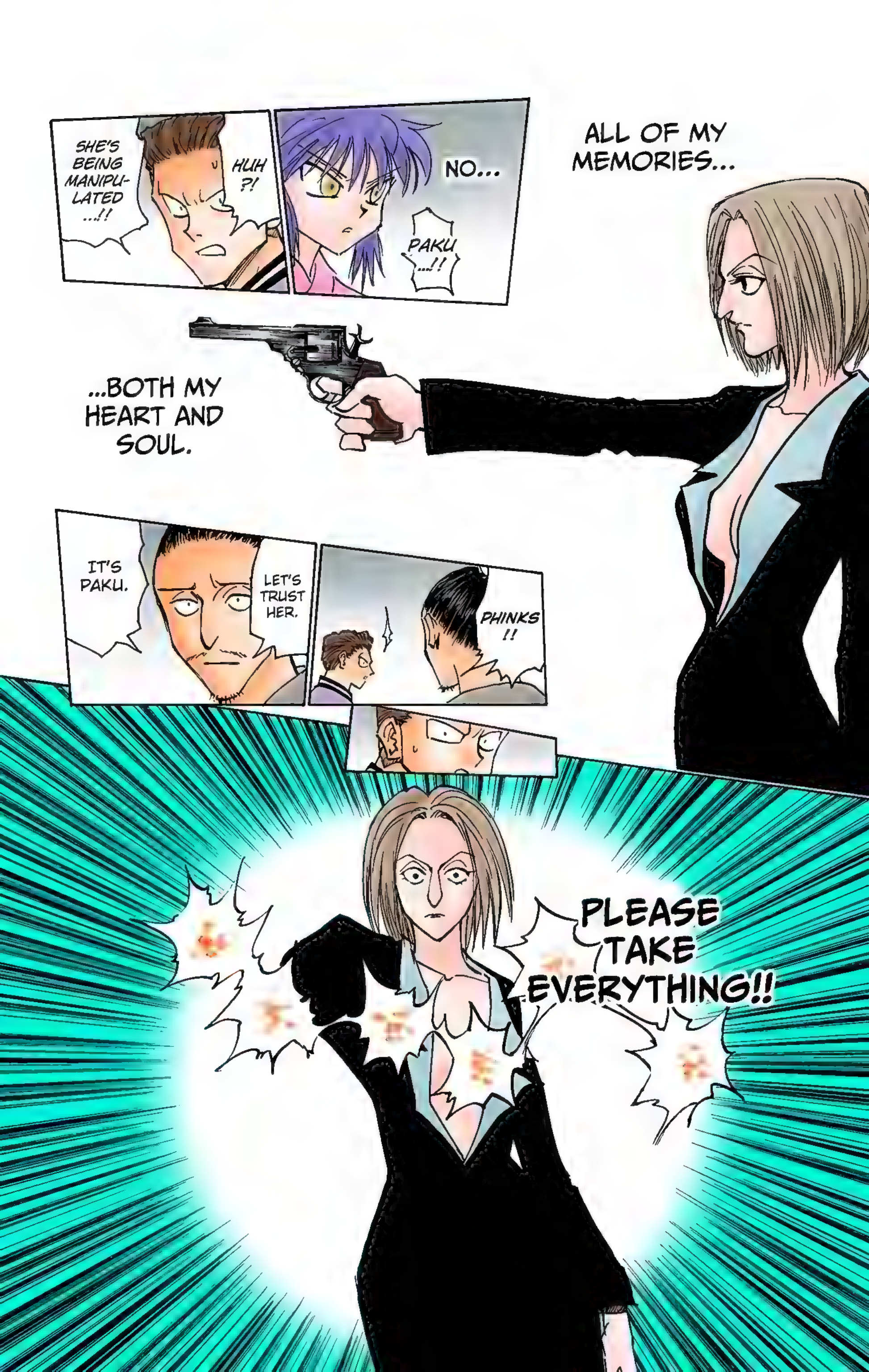
MACHI.

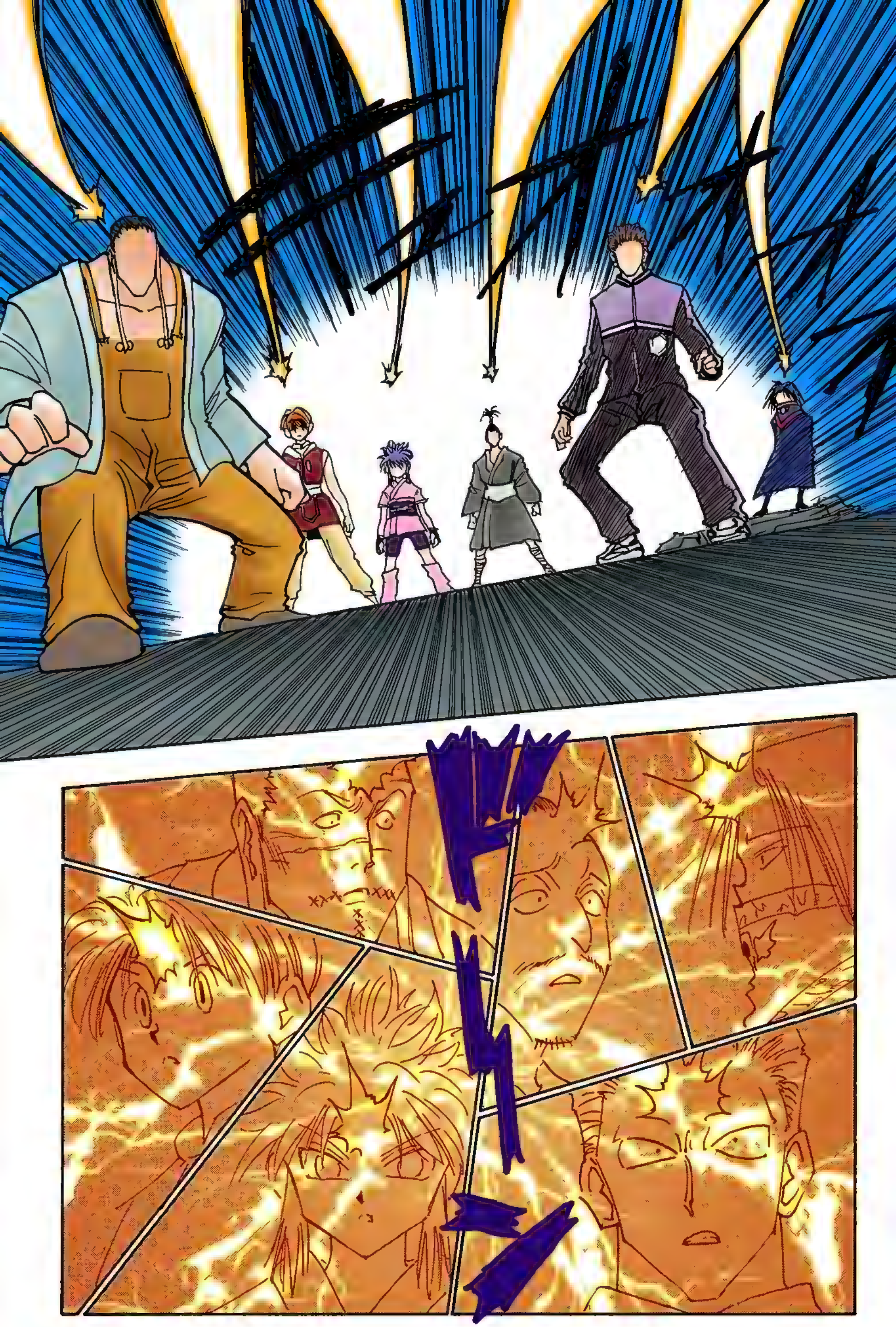
PHINKS.

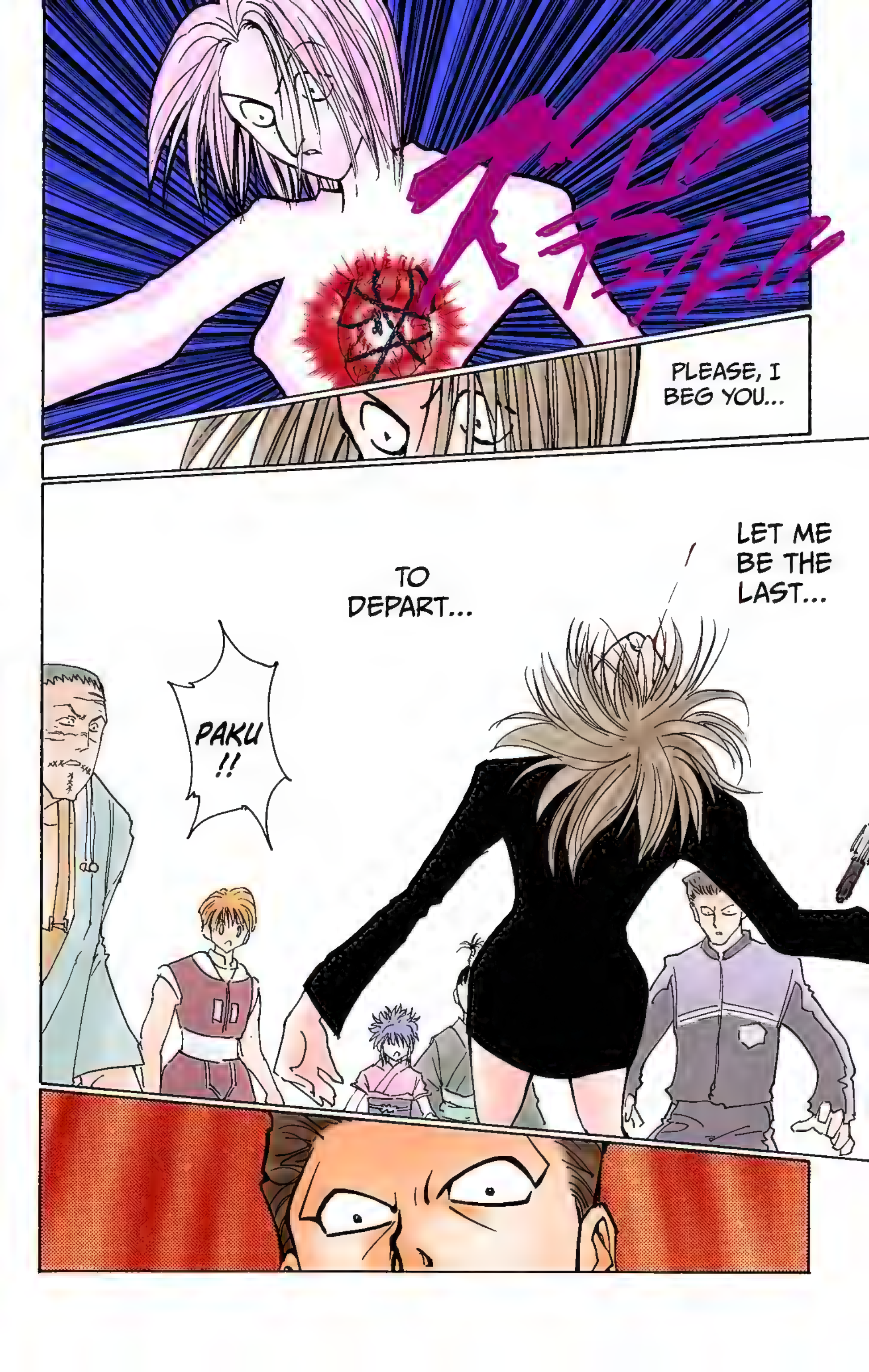
FEITAN.

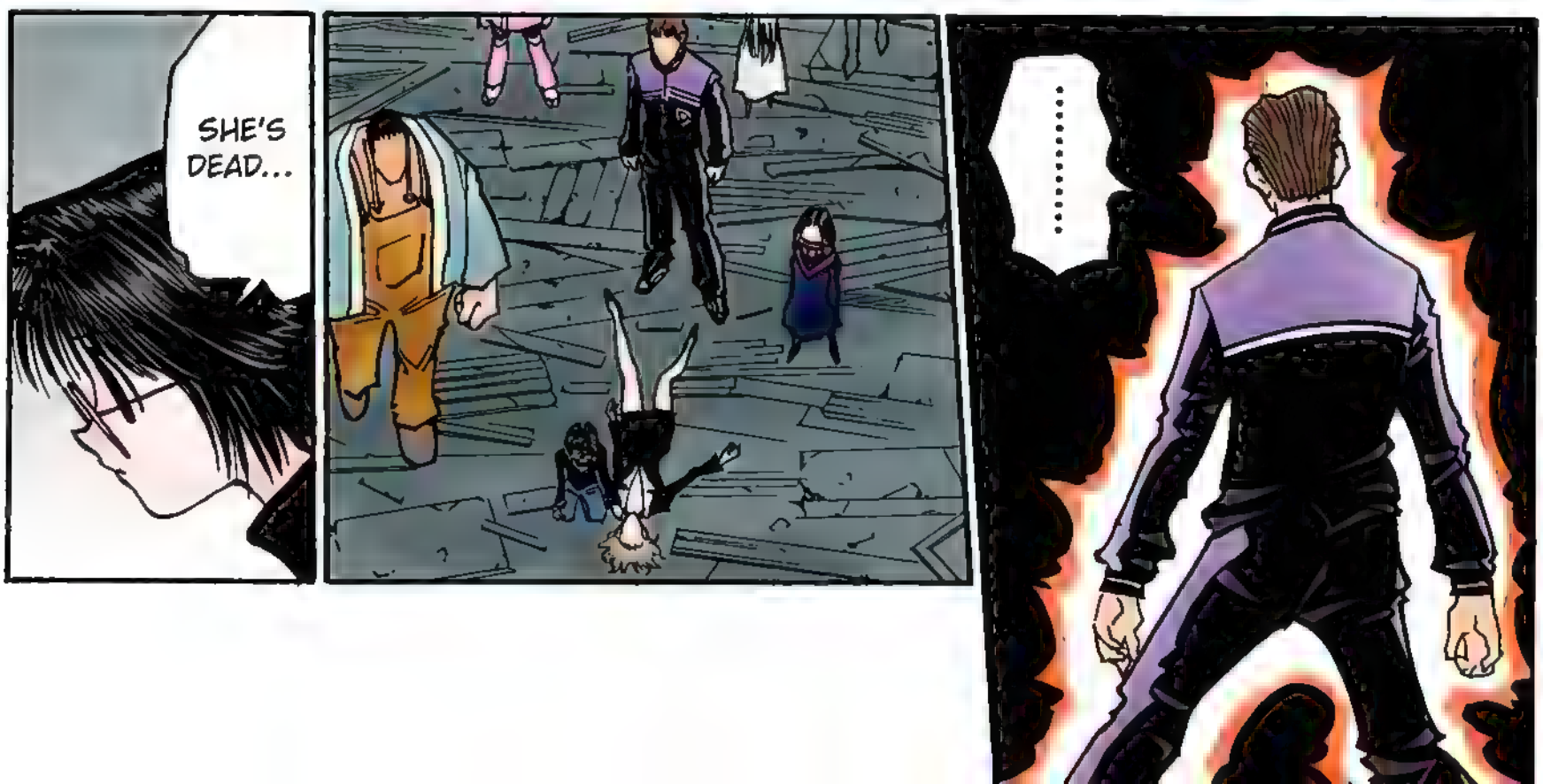
...AND ACCEPT THE TRUTH?

WILL YOU TRUST ME...


SHE'S BEING MANIPU-LATED ...!!
HUH ?!
NO...
PAKU ...!!
ALL OF MY MEMORIES...
...BOTH MY HEART AND SOUL.
IT'S PAKU.
LET'S TRUST HER.
PHINKS !!
PLEASE TAKE EVERYTHING!!




PLEASE, I BEG YOU...
LET ME BE THE LAST...
TO DEPART...
PAKU !!


SHE'S DEAD...
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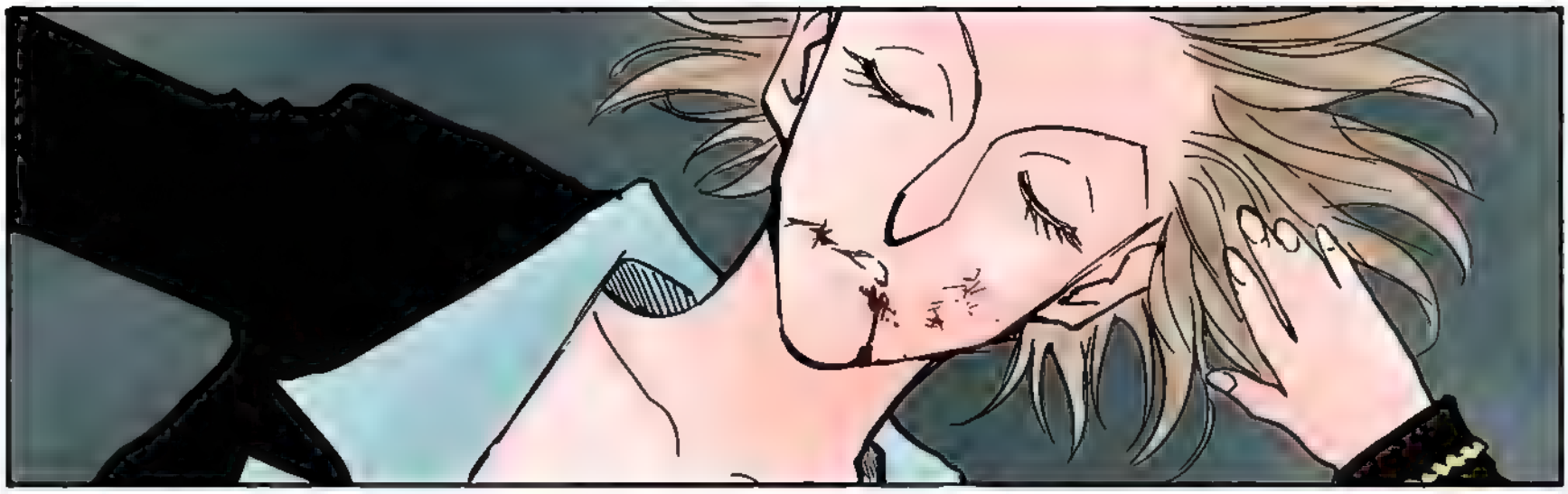
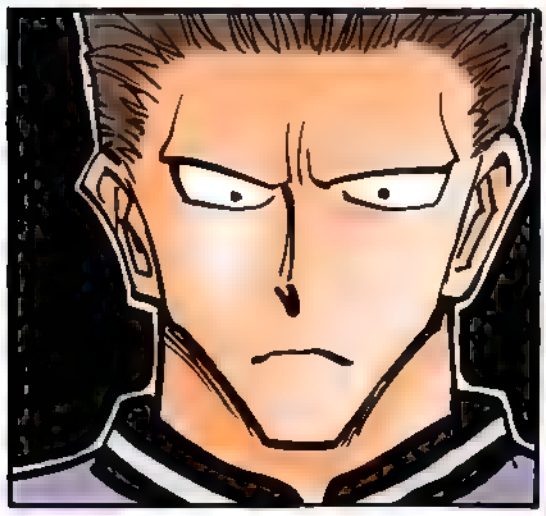
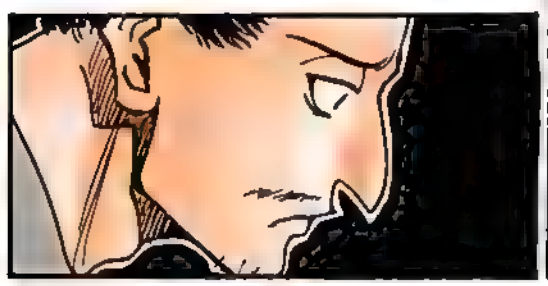
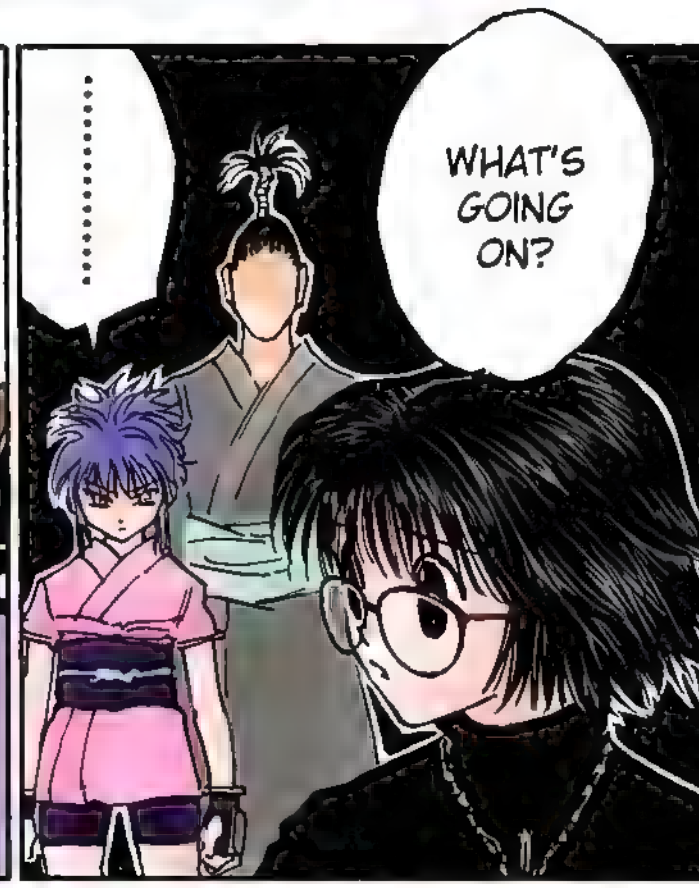






I'LL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING.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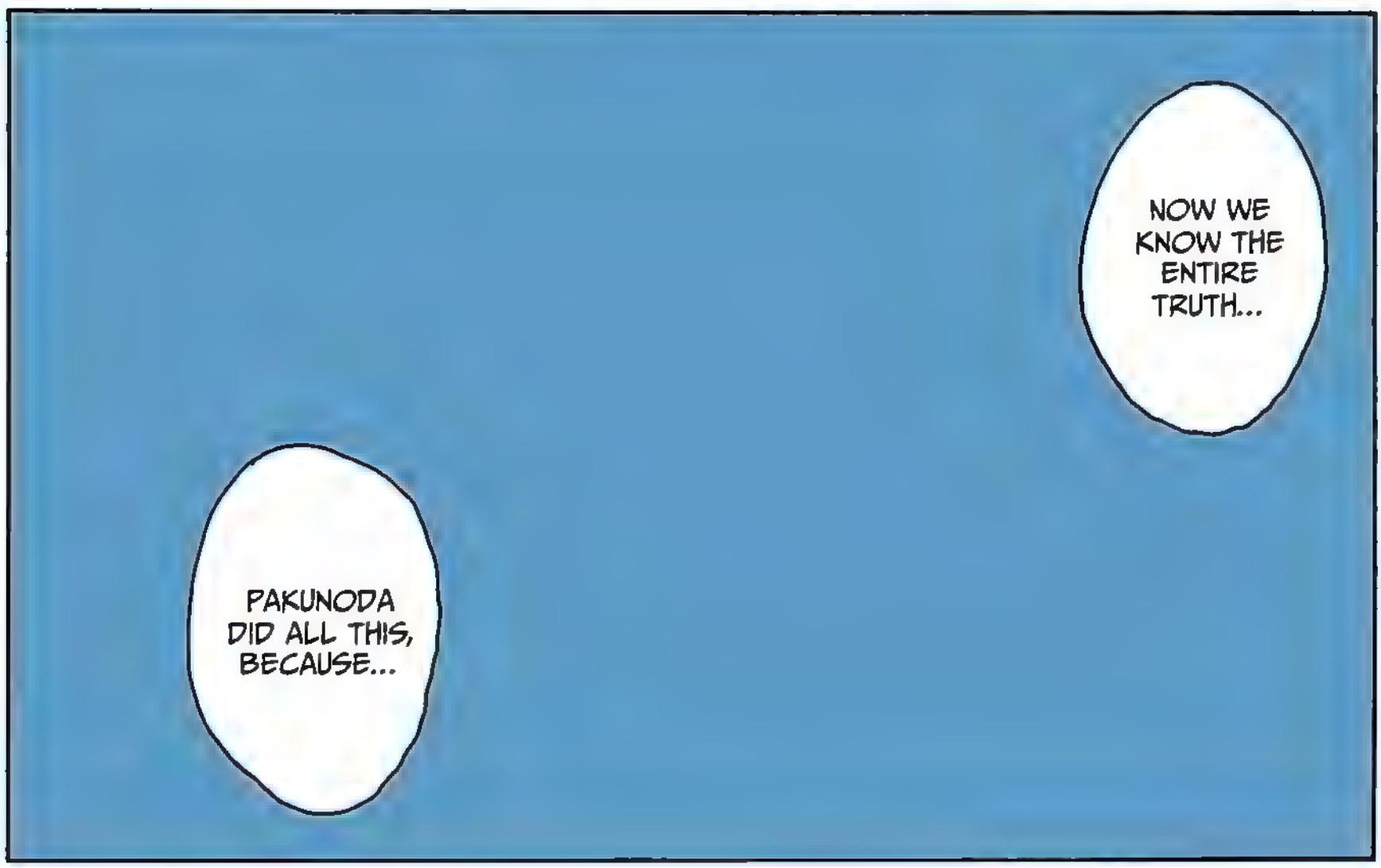
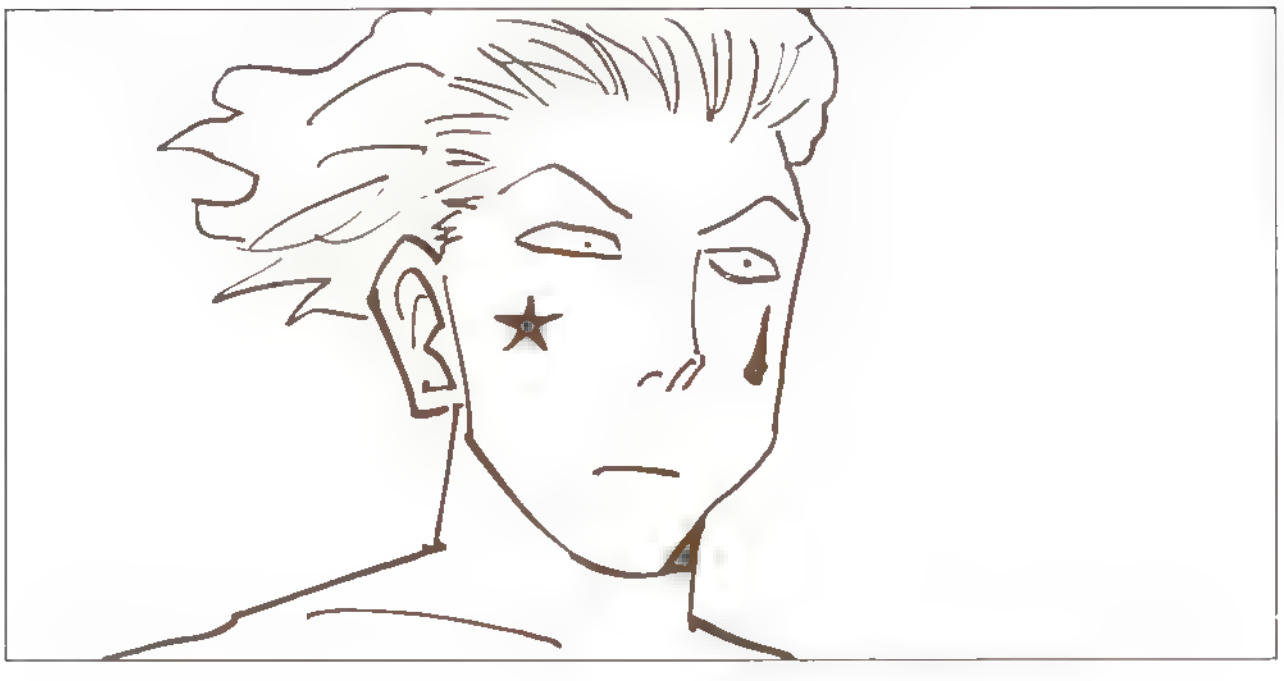
WHAT'S GOING ON?


NOW WE KNOW THE ENTIRE TRUTH...
PAKUNODA DID ALL THIS, BECAUSE...

GUESS I'LL HEAD EAST...



HOW'S KURAPIKA'S FEVER?

IT HASN'T GONE DOWN AT ALL.

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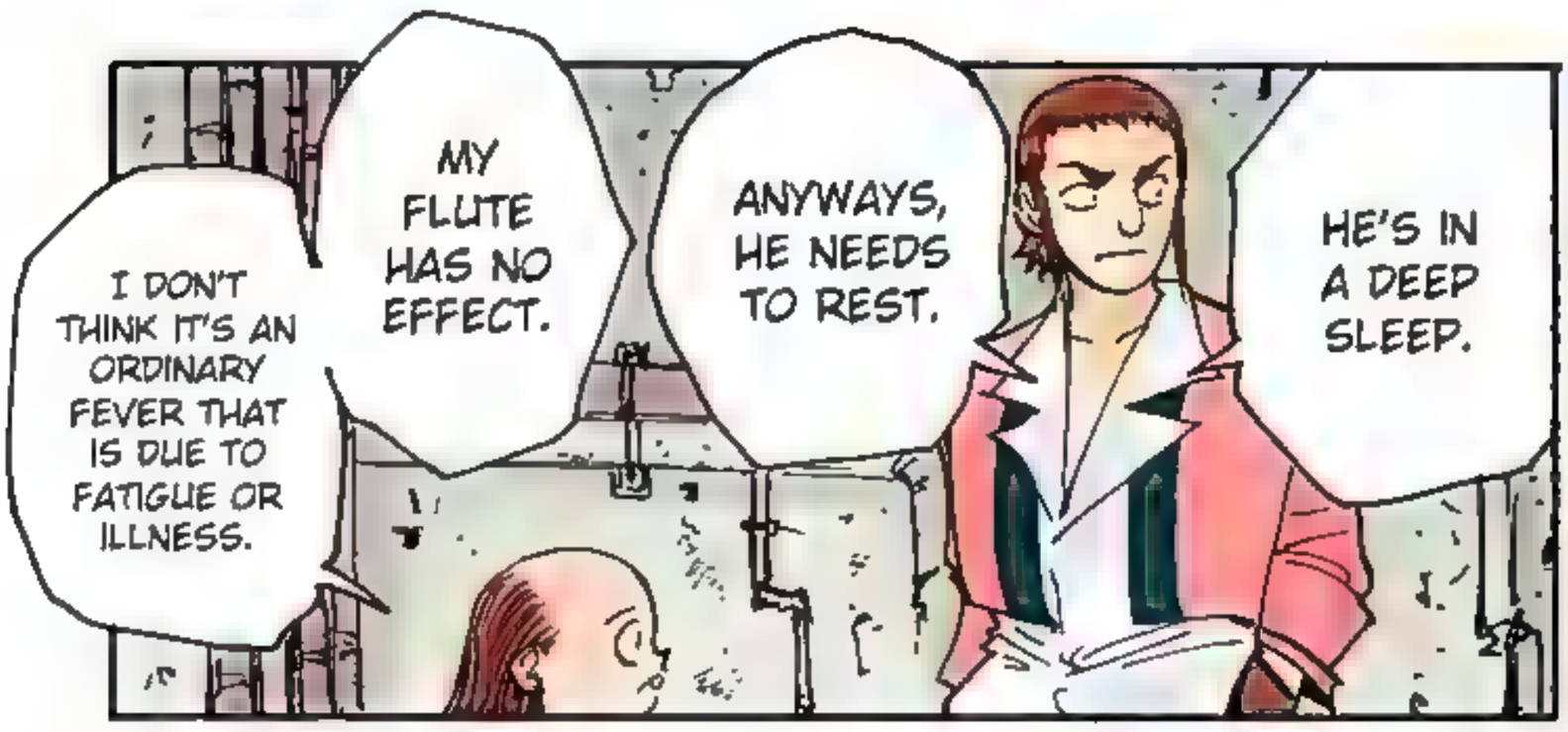
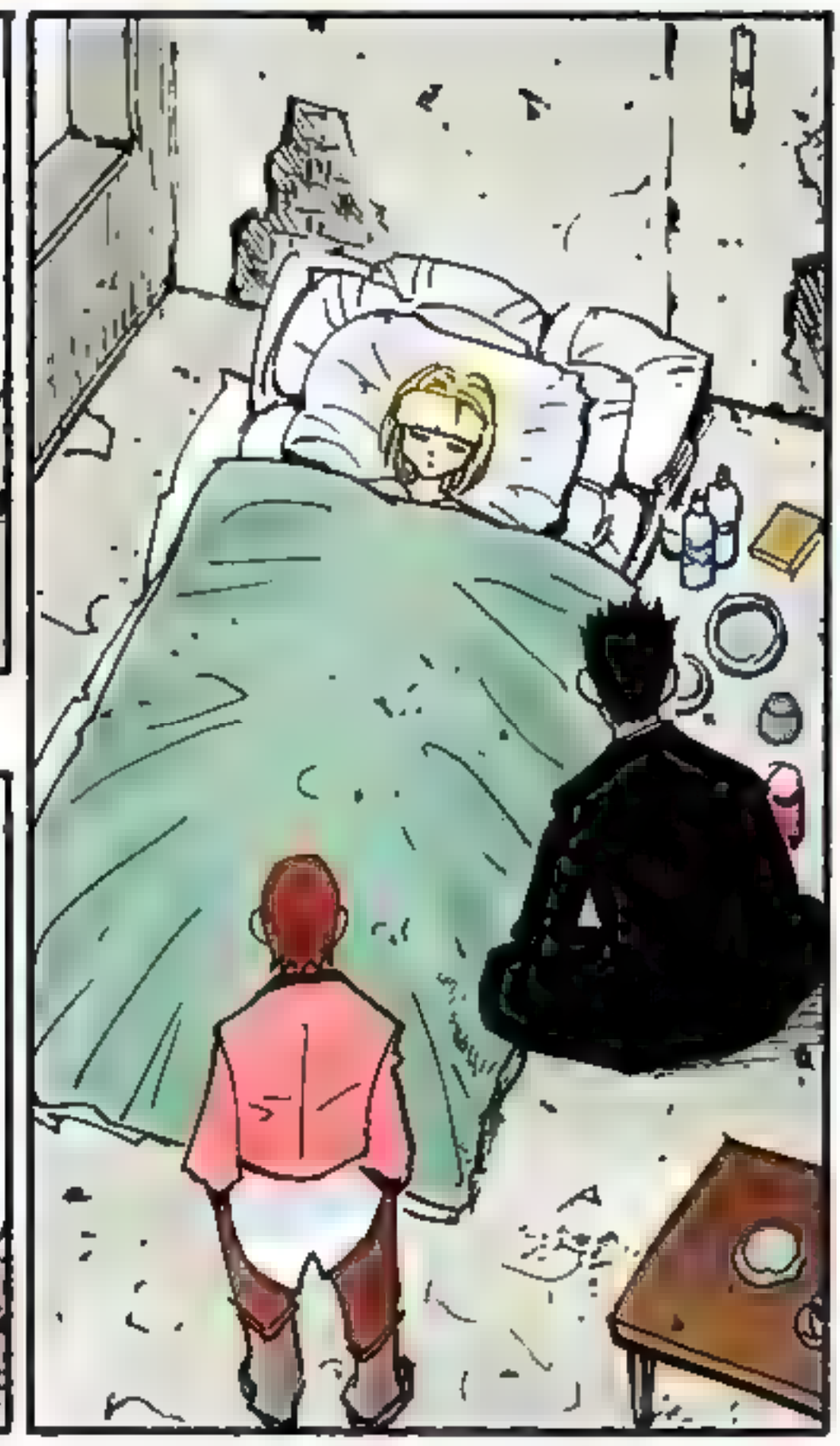
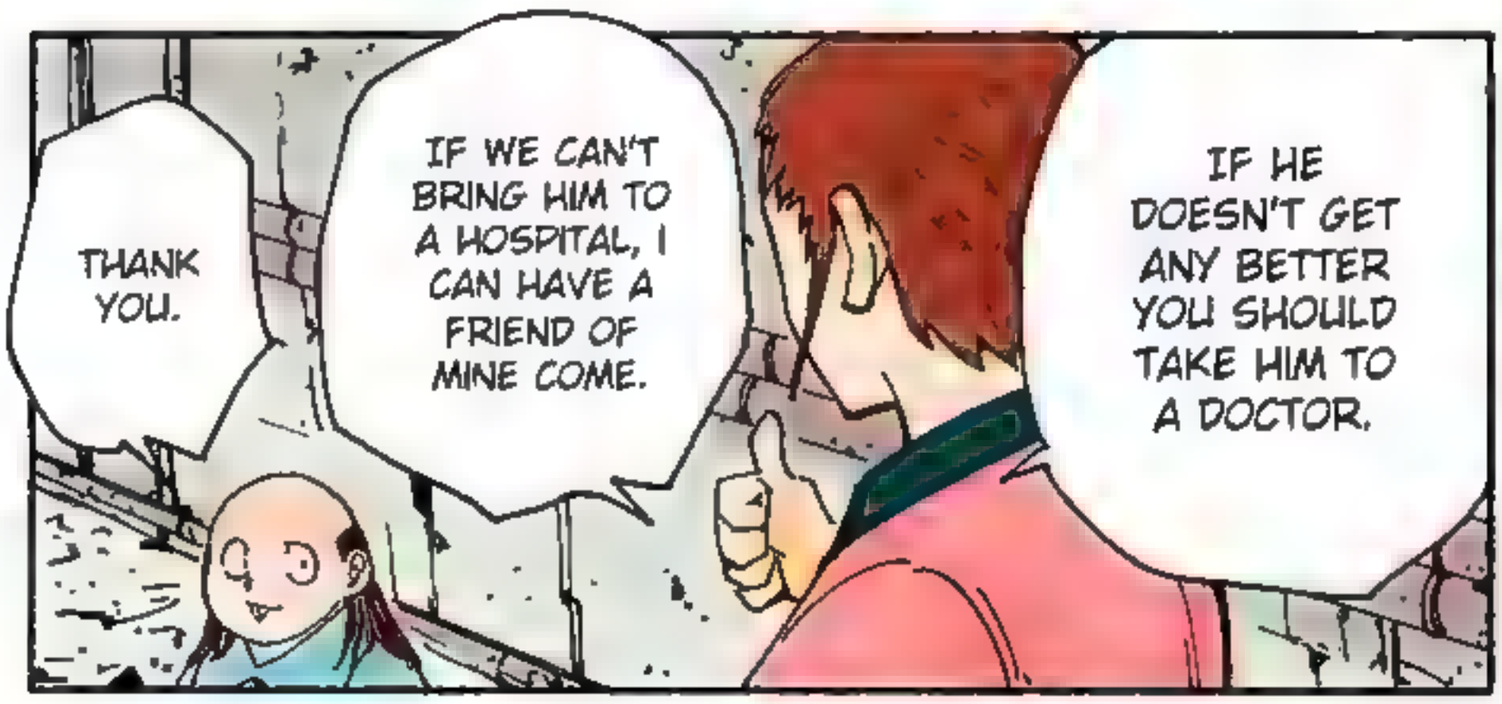
IT'S BEEN A WHOLE DAY ALREADY.







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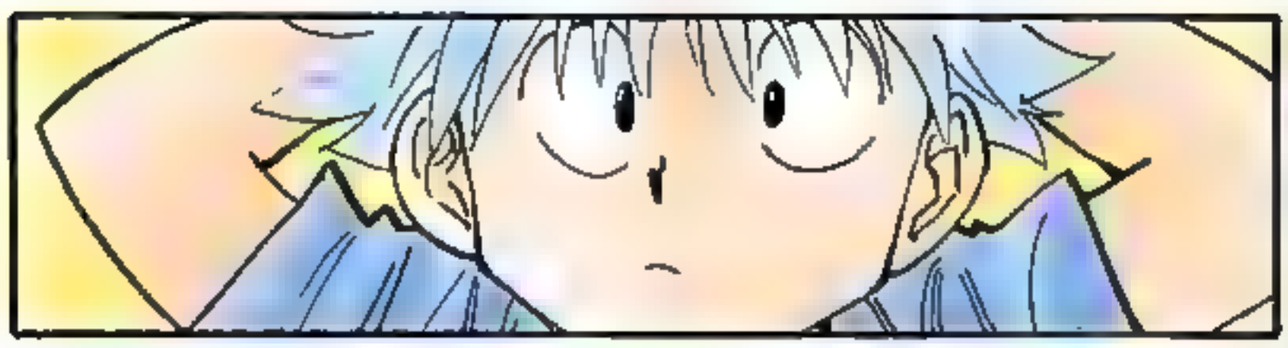
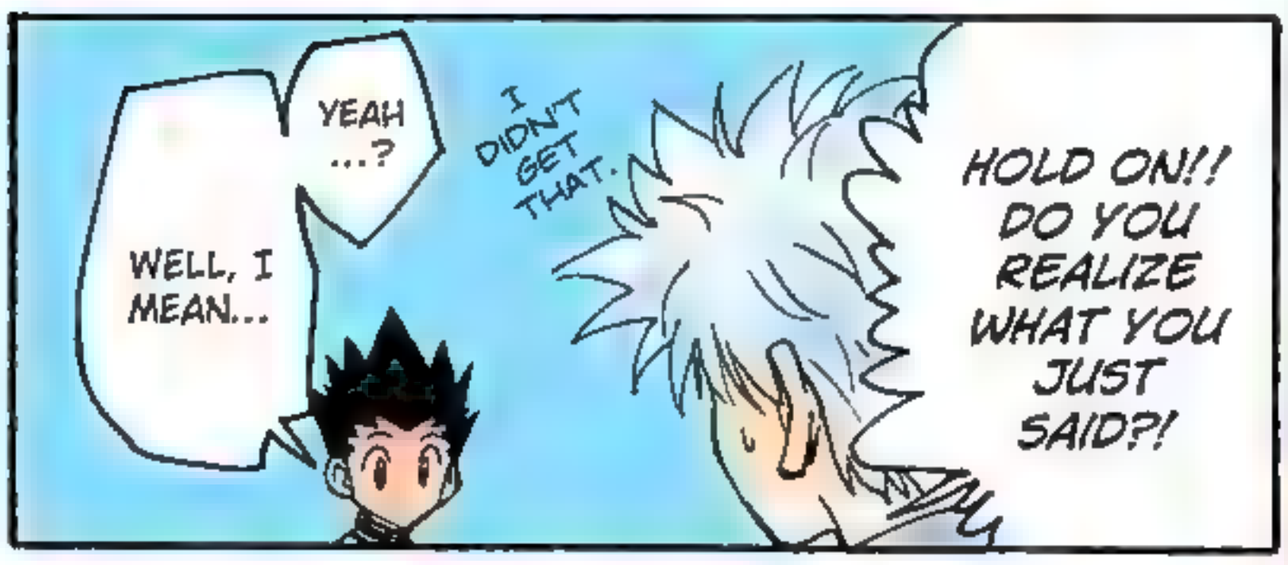
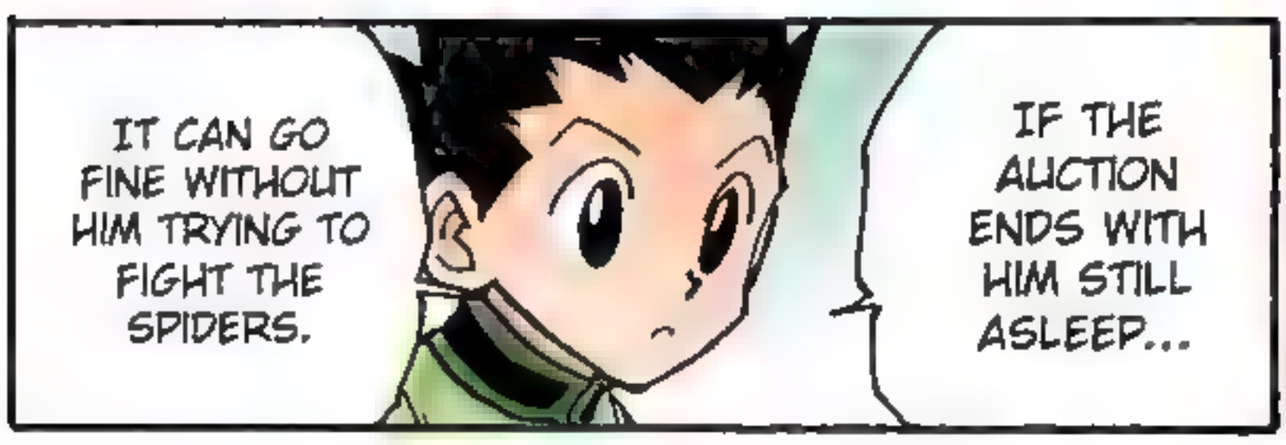
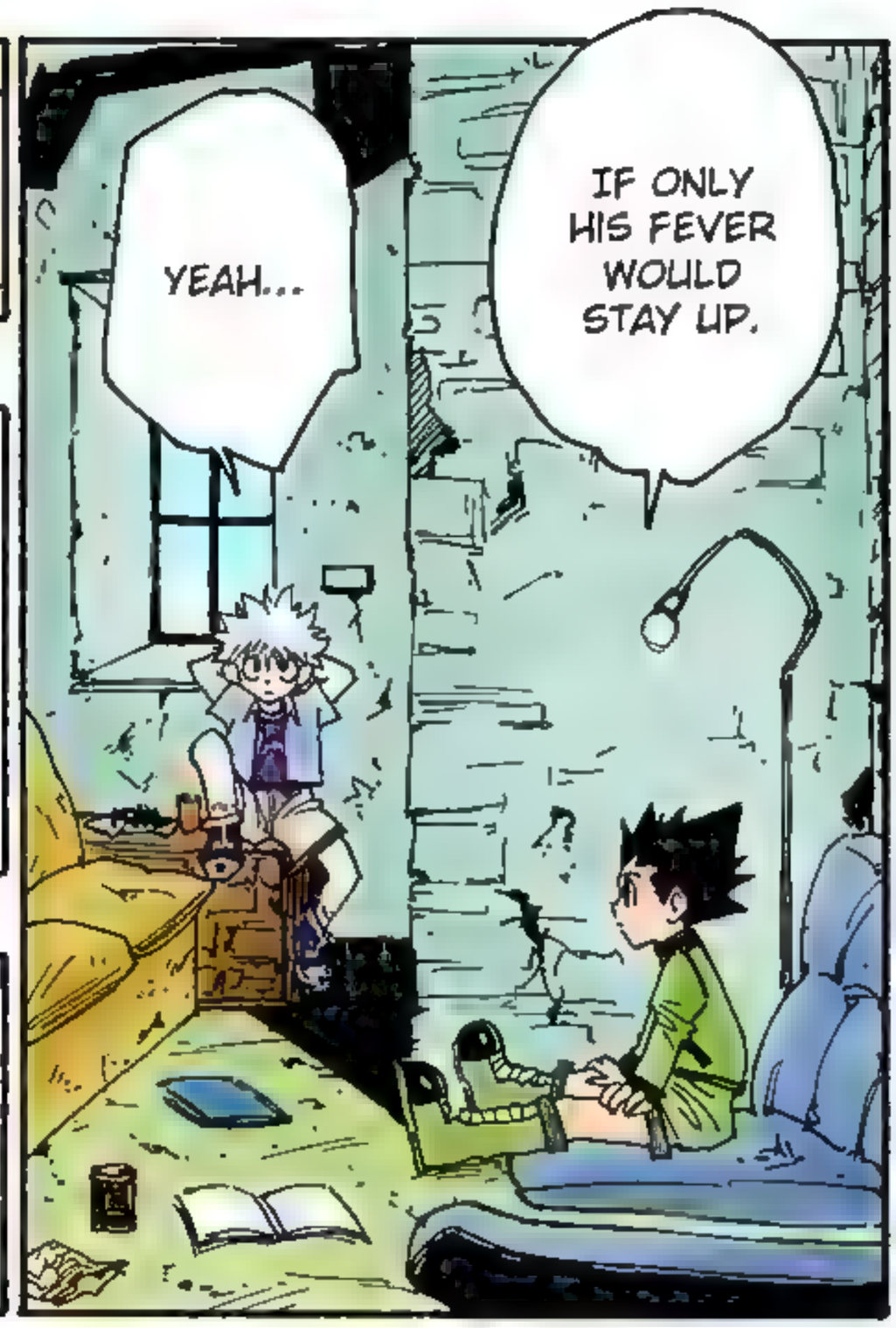


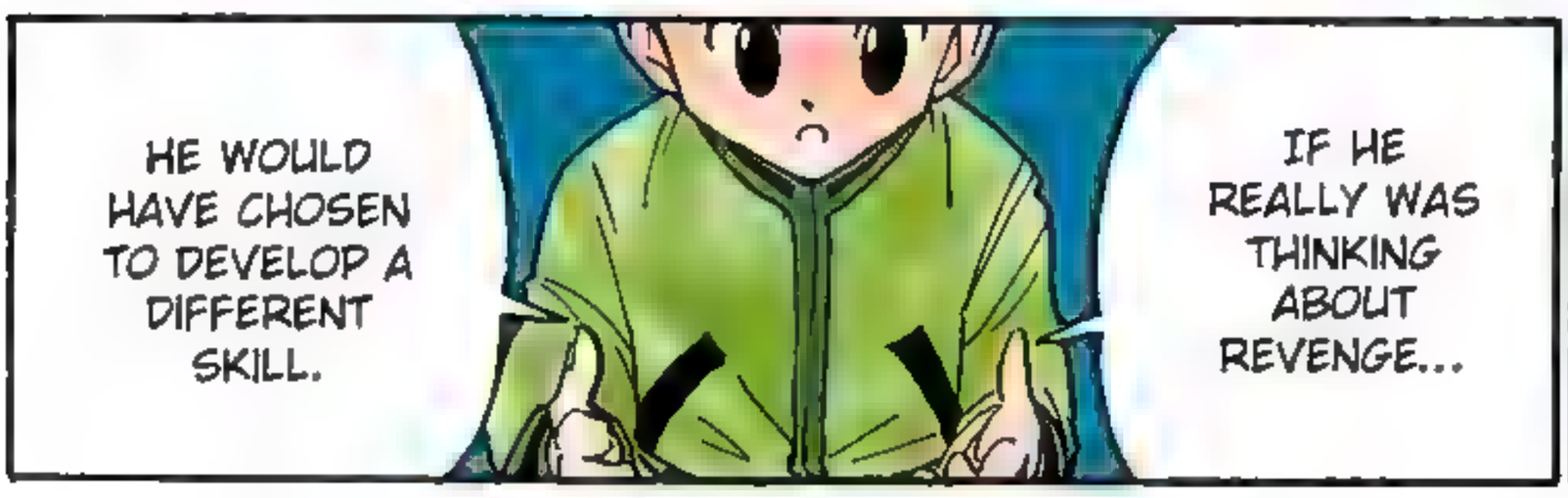

YEAH ...?
I DIDN'T GET THAT.
WELL, I MEAN...
HOLD ON!! DO YOU REALIZE WHAT YOU JUST SAID?!

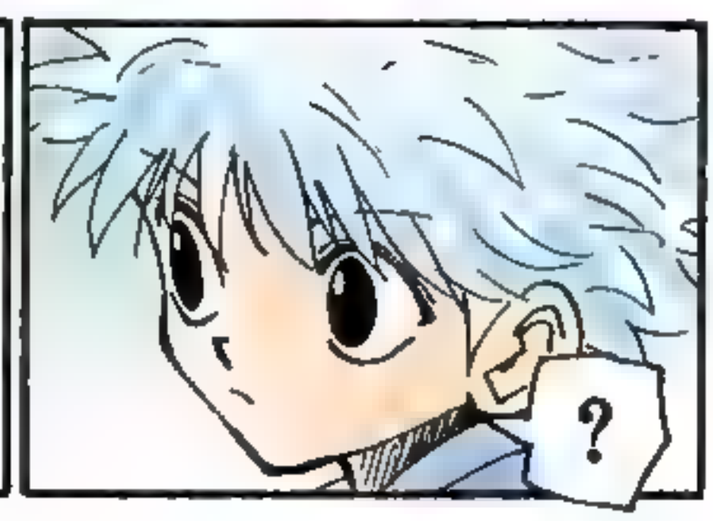

IT CAN GO FINE WITHOUT HIM TRYING TO FIGHT THE SPIDERS.
IF THE AUCTION ENDS WITH HIM STILL ASLEEP...


YEAH...
IF ONLY HIS FEVER WOULD STAY UP.

...AND WE COULD HAVE RUN AWAY WHEN WE WERE ALONE WITH PAKUNODA.
YEAH... IF HE REALLY WANTED TO GET REVENGE, HE WOULDN'T HAVE SAVED US, AND WOULD HAVE KILLED THE BOSS AFTER TRICKING THE OTHERS.
WHEN HE EXPLAINED EVERYTHING ABOUT NEN TO US, I THOUGHT...
KURAPIKA ISN'T LIKE THAT.

I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT I DON'T THINK KURAPIKA SHOULD FIGHT SPIDERS AGAIN.


HE WOULD HAVE CHOSEN TO DEVELOP A DIFFERENT SKILL.
IF HE REALLY WAS THINKING ABOUT REVENGE...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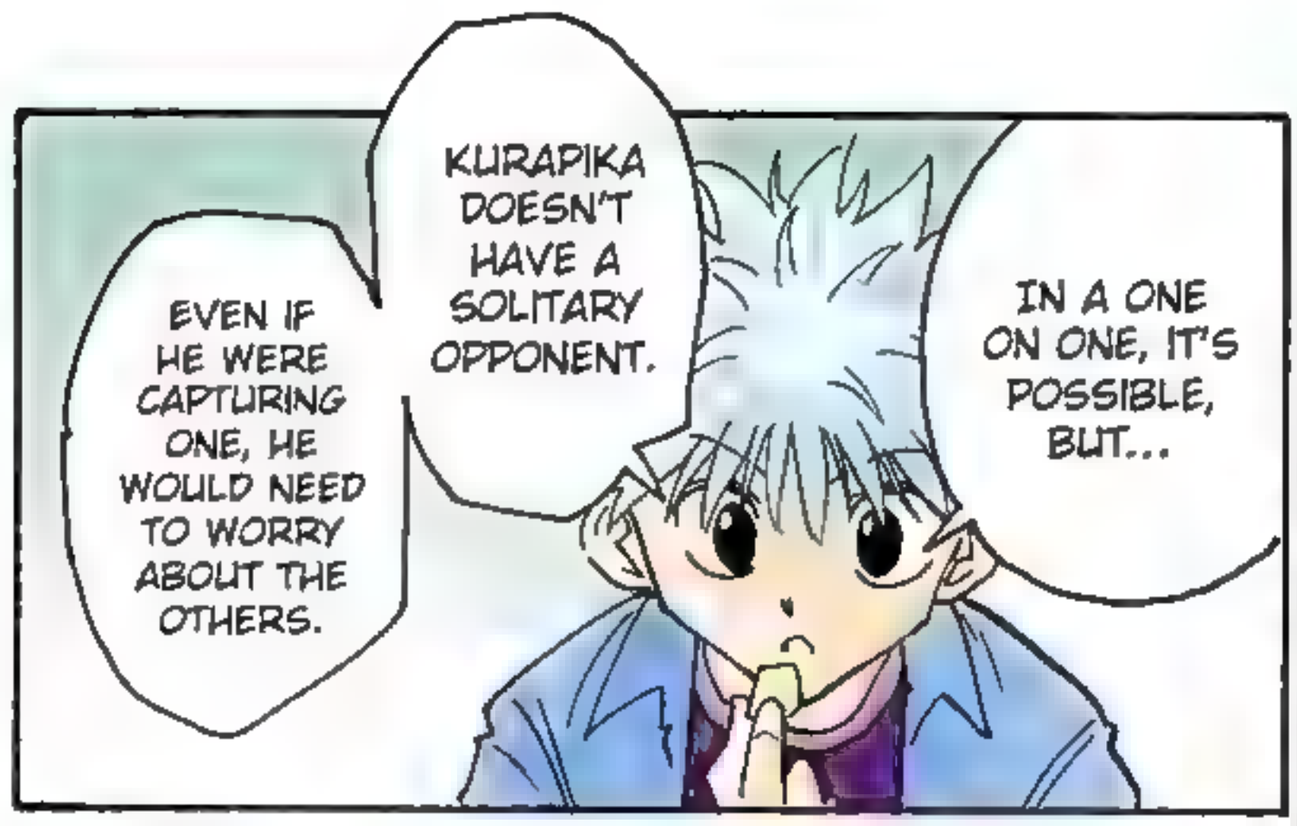
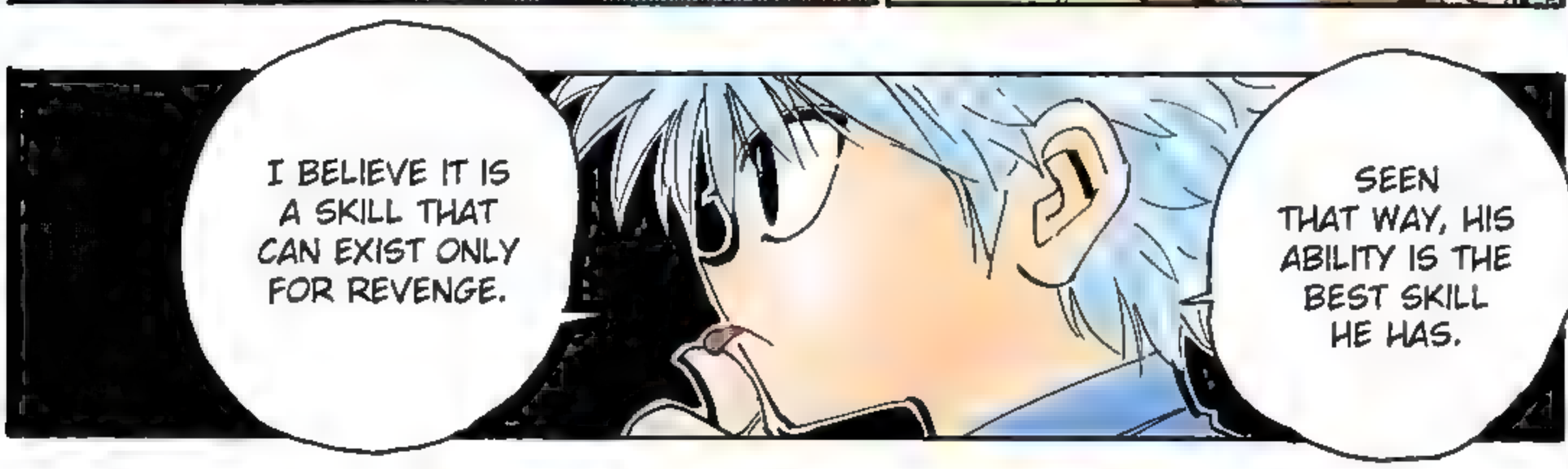
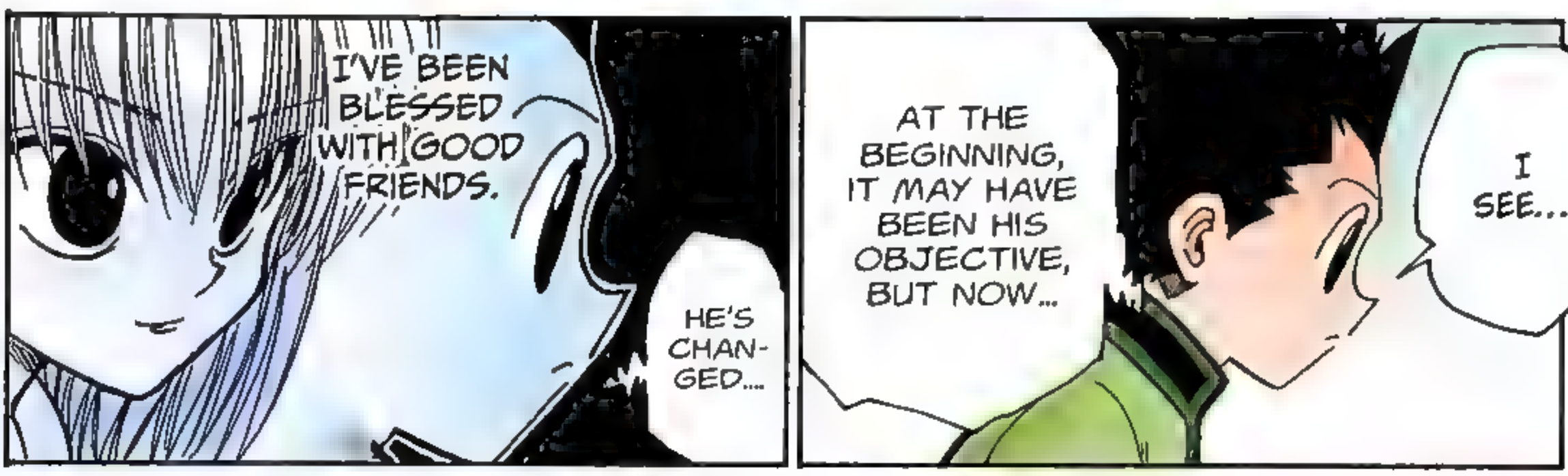

KURAPIKA DOESN'T HAVE A SOLITARY OPPONENT.
EVEN IF HE WERE CAPTURING ONE, HE WOULD NEED TO WORRY ABOUT THE OTHERS.
IN A ONE ON ONE, IT'S POSSIBLE, BUT...

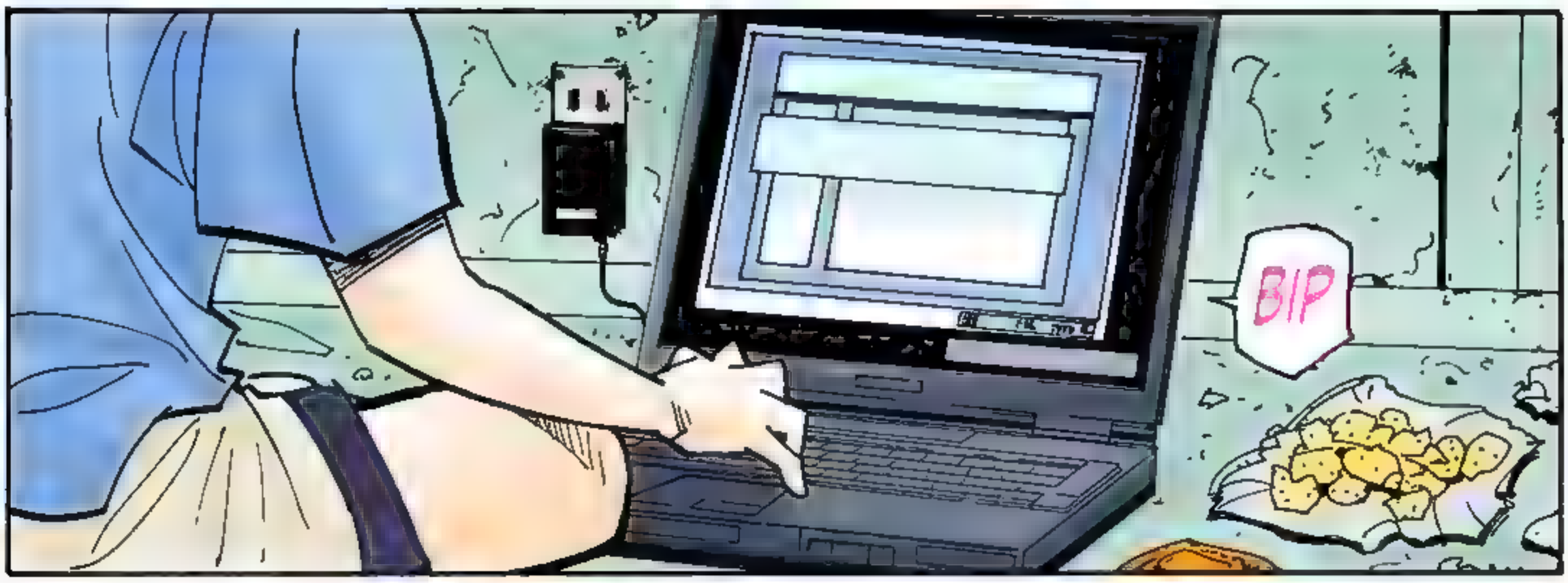
DON'T YOU THINK THERE ARE EASIER WAYS WHEN YOU REALLY WISH TO KILL SOMEONE?
YEAH ...
DO YOU THINK SO?

PLUS, HE NEEDED TO GET IN ON THE OTHERS...
OH...
THAT IS TRUE.

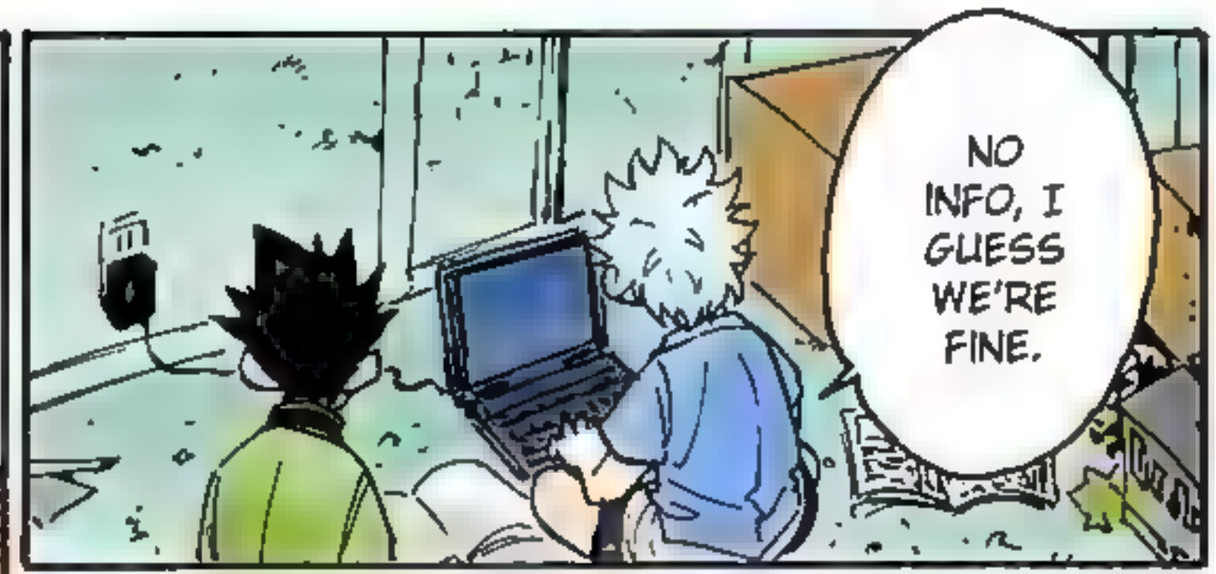

I BELIEVE IT IS A SKILL THAT CAN EXIST ONLY FOR REVENGE.
SEEN THAT WAY, HIS ABILITY IS THE BEST SKILL HE HAS.

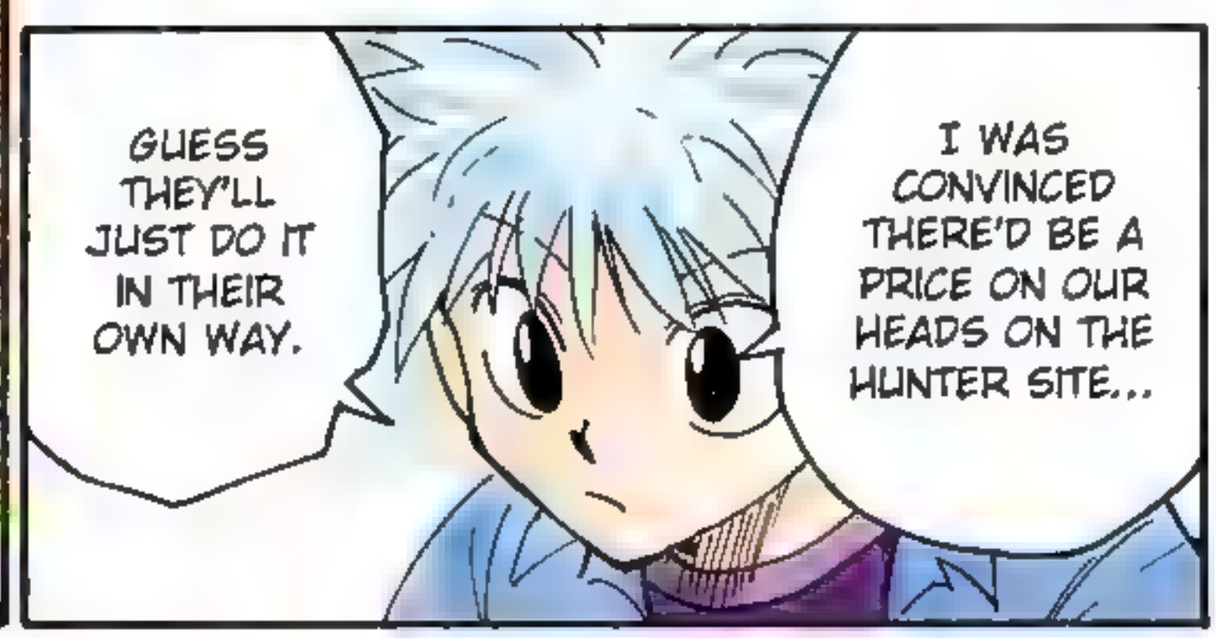

I'VE BEEN BLESSED WITH GOOD FRIENDS.
HE'S CHAN-GED...
AT THE BEGINNING, IT MAY HAVE BEEN HIS OBJECTIVE, BUT NOW...
I SEE...

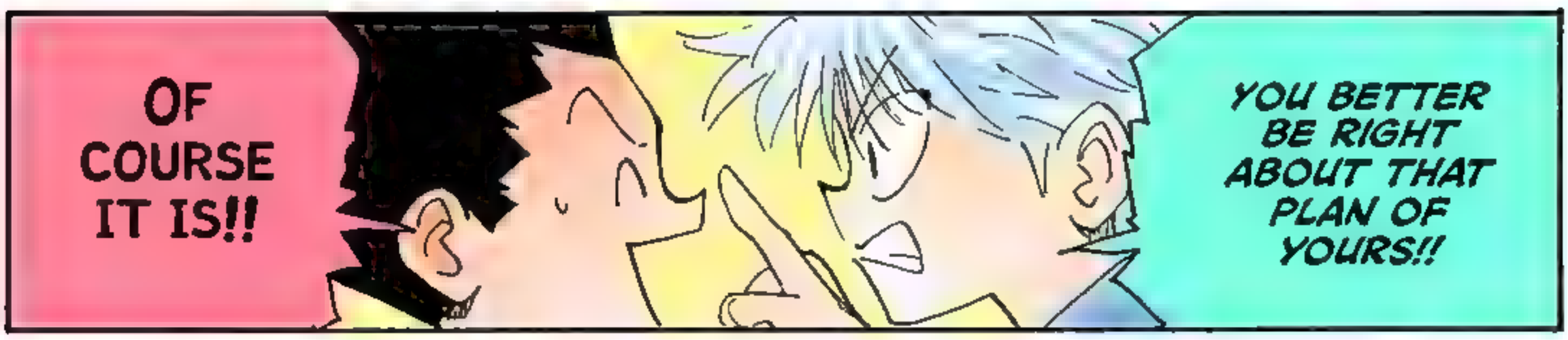
IF THEIR BOSS DOESN'T COME BACK, THE OTHERS WILL DO EVERYTHING THEY CAN TO FIND KURAPIKA.
YEAH.
WELL, I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU MEAN WHEN YOU WANT HIM TO SIT STILL FOR A WHILE.

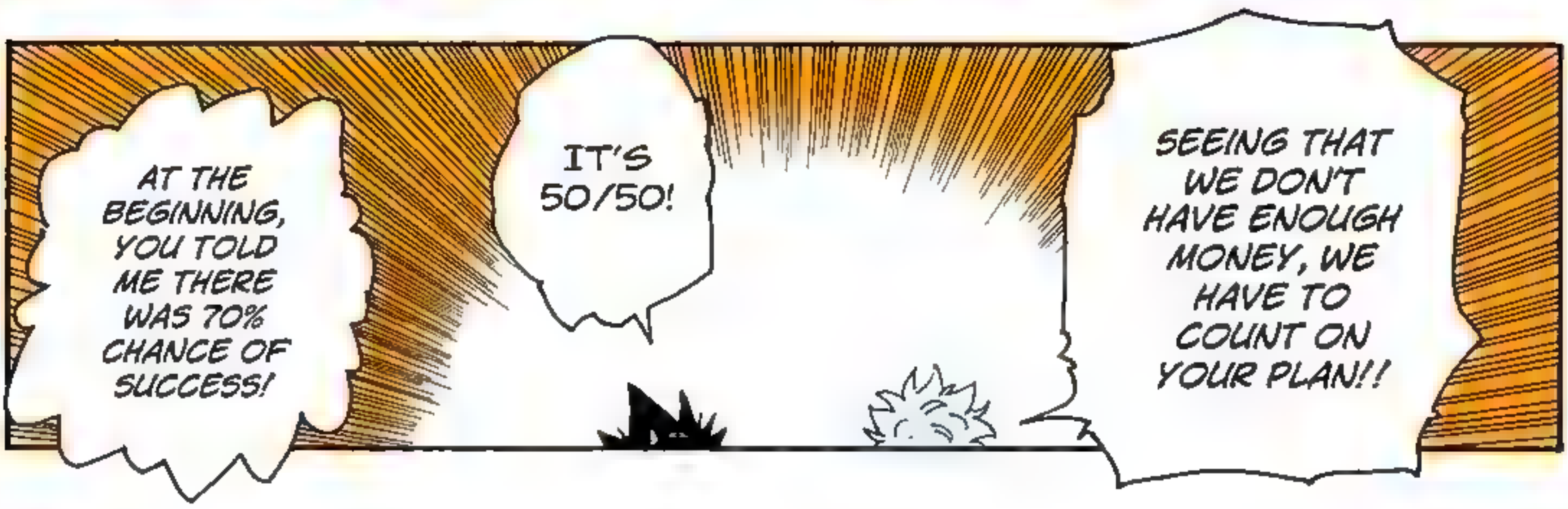

BIP

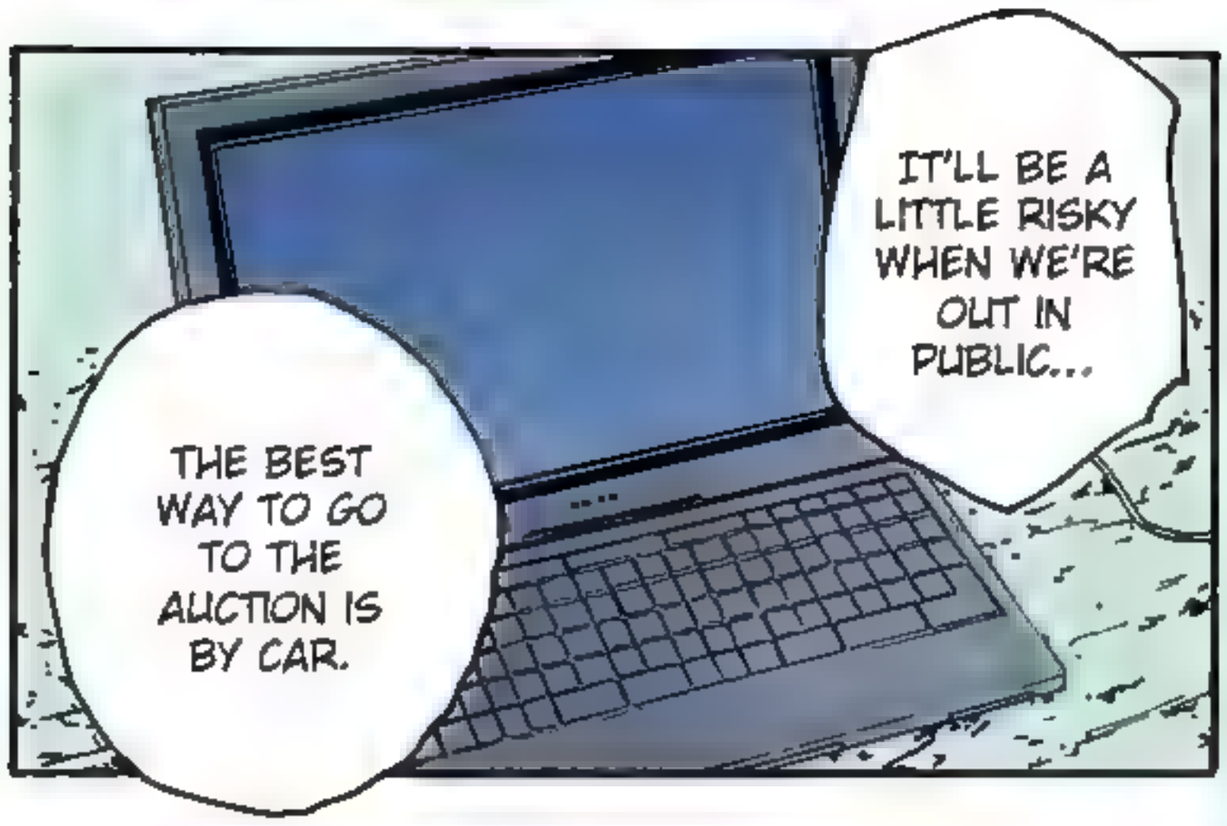
SO...
WHATEVER, WE'LL JUST HAVE TO BE VERY CAREFUL WHEN WE GO TO THE AUCTION ROOM.
POOP


NO INFO, I GUESS WE'RE FINE.


GUESS THEY'LL JUST DO IT IN THEIR OWN WAY.
I WAS CONVINCED THERE'D BE A PRICE ON OUR HEADS ON THE HUNTER SITE...


OF COURSE IT IS!!
YOU BETTER BE RIGHT ABOUT THAT PLAN OF YOURS!!


AT THE BEGINNING, YOU TOLD ME THERE WAS 70% CHANCE OF SUCCESS!
IT'S 50/50!
SEEING THAT WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY, WE HAVE TO COUNT ON YOUR PLAN!!


THE BEST WAY TO GO TO THE AUCTION IS BY CAR.
IT'LL BE A LITTLE RISKY WHEN WE'RE OUT IN PUBLIC...

YEAH. LEORIO WILL STAY WITH KURAPIKA.
YOU, ME AND ZEPILE WILL GO TO THE AUCTION, RIGHT?

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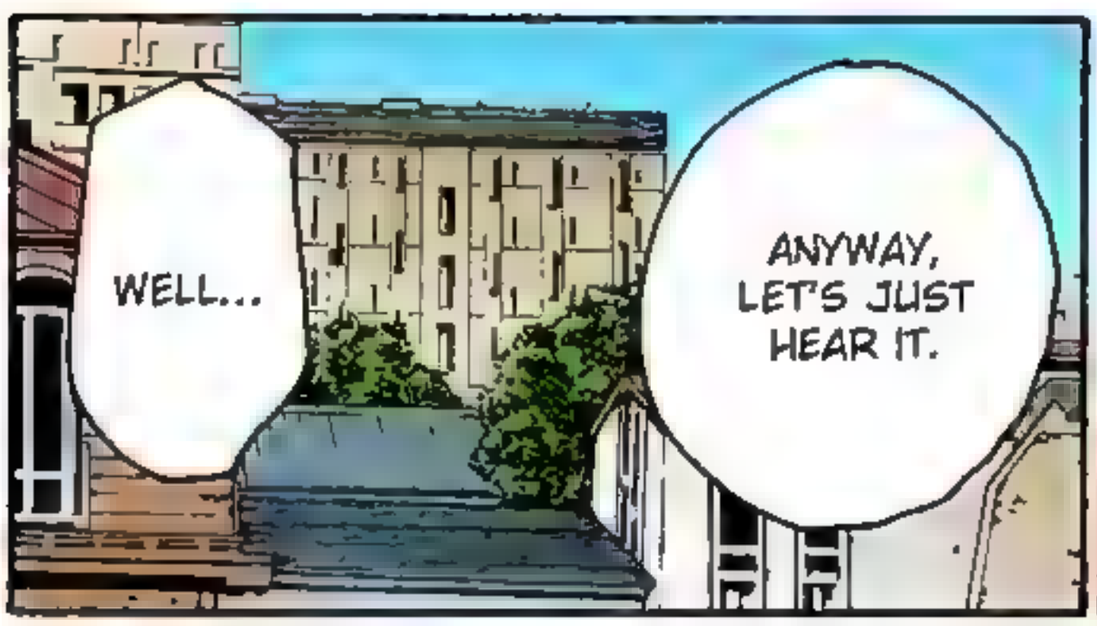
SO, WHAT ABOUT THAT PLAN OF YOURS?
URK.

NO, NOT IN PARTICULAR.
OR IS THERE A PROBLEM?!
IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU TELL ME WHAT IT IS!


WELL...
ANYWAY, LET'S JUST HEAR IT.

I THINK THIS IS DIPPING BELOW 50% CHANCE OF SUCCESS...
...
I DIDN'T WANTED TO BE A LETDOWN.
BUT I'D RATHER NOT RELY ON SOMEONE ELSE FOR THE PLAN.
WHY YOU...

I DON'T THINK WE HAVE ANY OTHER CHOICE.

INTERESTING... WELL... HOW SHOULD I SAY THIS...

WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF IT BEFORE? IT MAY JUST WORK!

REALISTICALLY, AND WITHOUT ANY RISK.

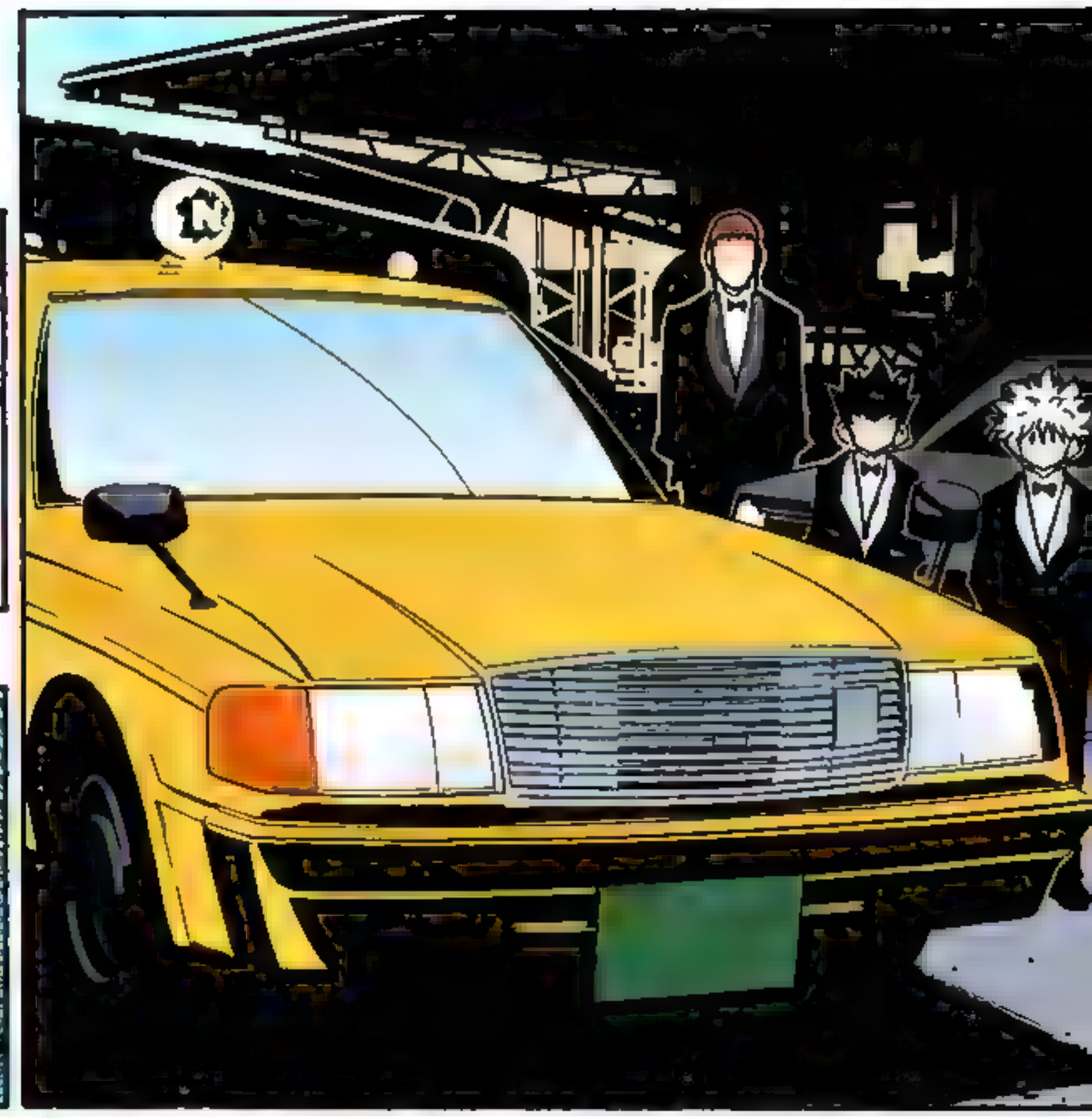
I SEE...

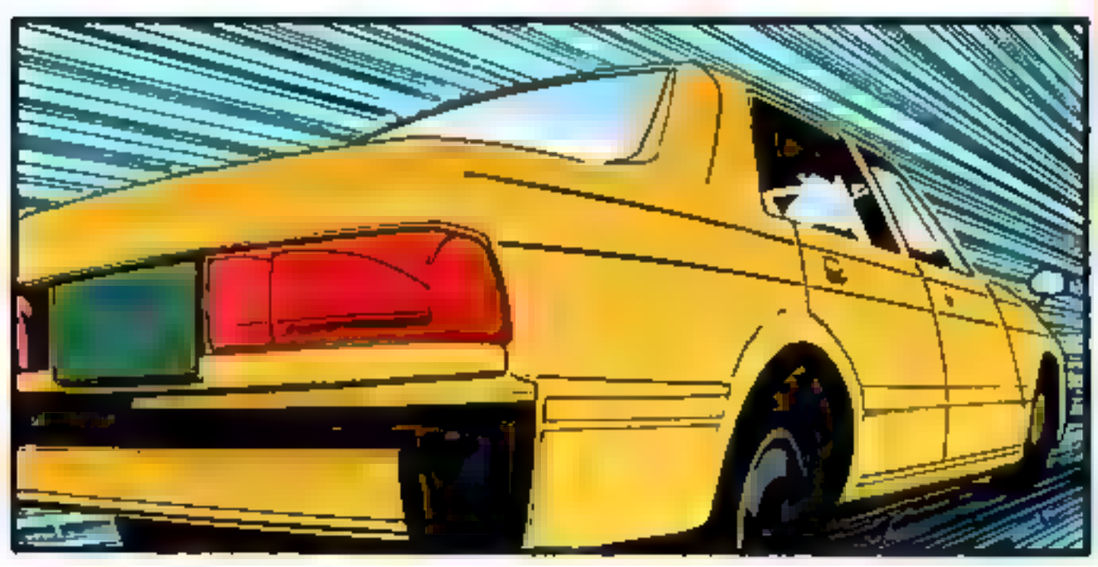
YOU THINK SO?

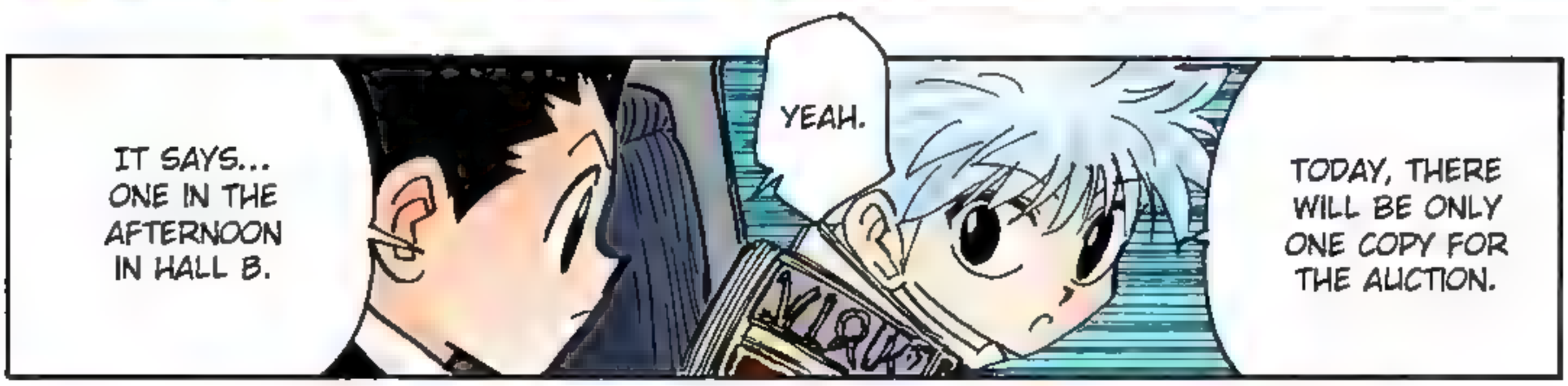
THIS MIGHT JUST WORK!!

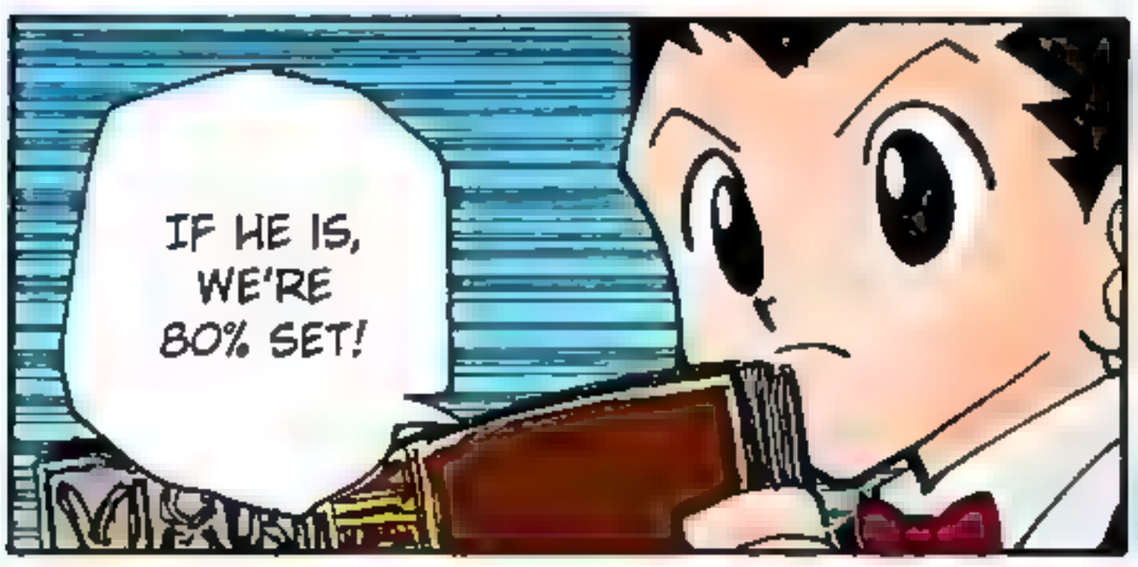
FORGET 50/50!! I BET OUR CHANCES WILL BE 80%!!

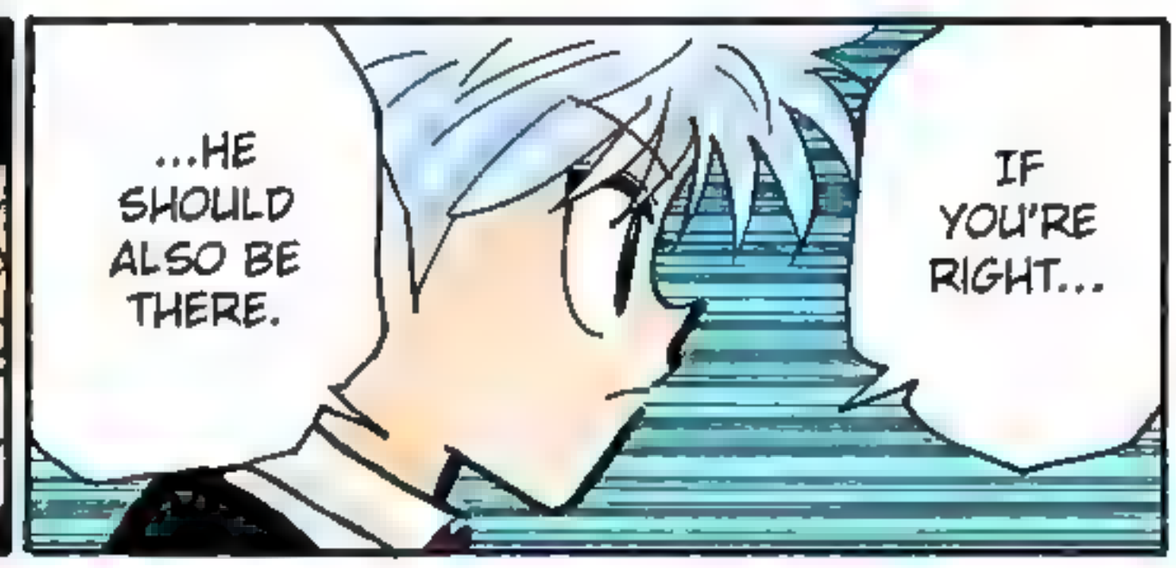
TO THE AUCTION SOUTHERN HALL, PLEASE.

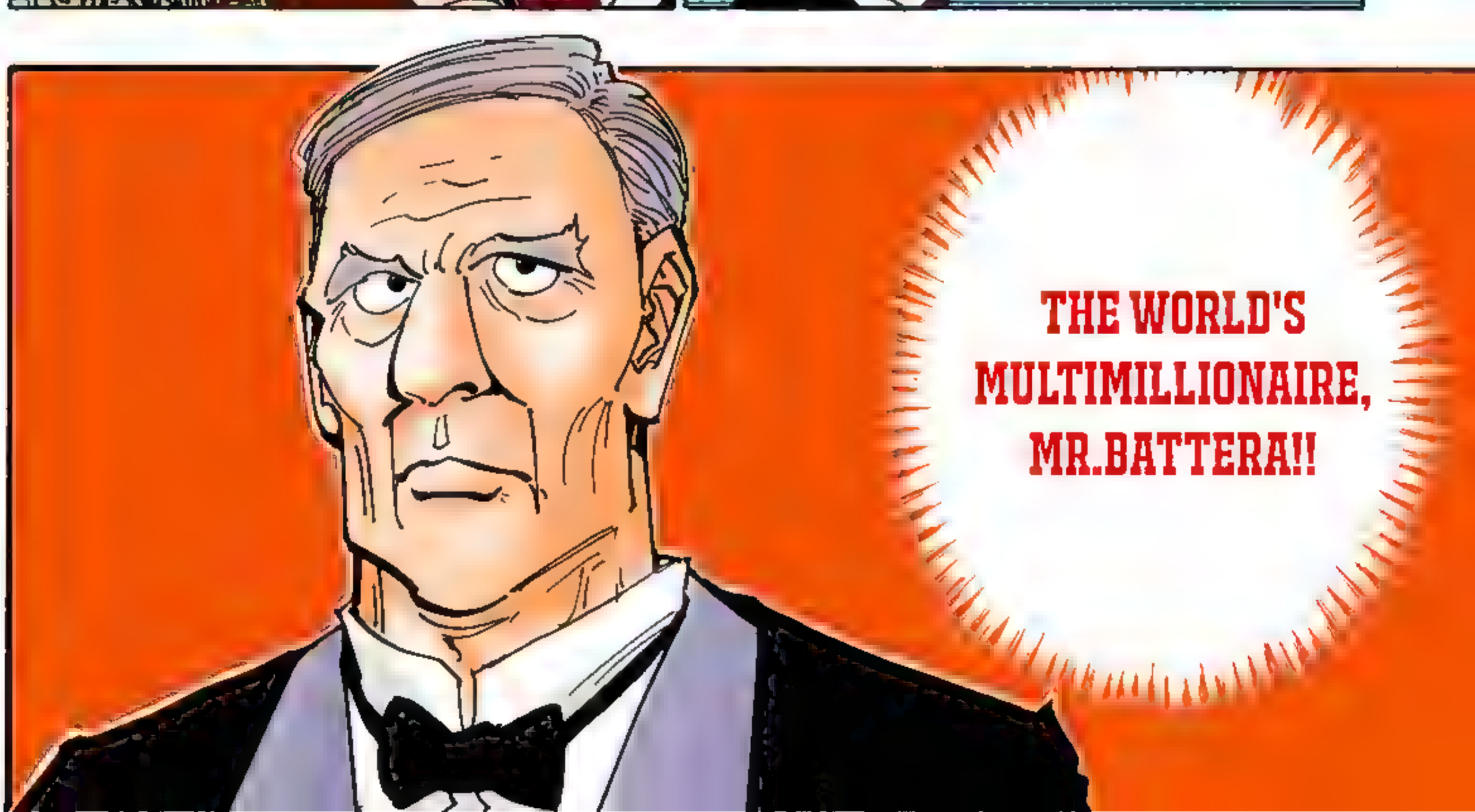





IT SAYS... ONE IN THE AFTERNOON IN HALL B.
YEAH.
TODAY, THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE COPY FOR THE AUCTION.


IF HE IS, WE'RE 80% SET!


...HE SHOULD ALSO BE THERE.
IF YOU'RE RIGHT...


THE WORLD'S MULTIMILLIONAIRE, MR.BATTERA!!

ISN'T IT NATURAL TO TRY TO BE THE ONLY OWNER OF SOMETHING YOU LIKE?

WHY DO YOU HAVE SUCH INTEREST FOR IT?

WHAT AM I GOING TO BUY? GREED ISLAND OF COURSE.

AND I AM VERY POSSESSIVE.

IT ALL COMES DOWN TO LOVE.

THE SELLING PRICE FOR IT IS REALLY HIGH, ISN'T IT?

BUT WHY THIS GAME SPECIFICALLY?

WELL, THAT'S NO ONE'S BUSINESS BUT MINE...

COMPARED TO THE MONEY I INVESTED TO END THE GAME, THIS IS NOTHING...

AREN'T THERE ANY SPOTS HERE WITH SNACKS?

ABOUT 10 MINU-TES.

HOW LONG BEFORE THE AUCTIONING?

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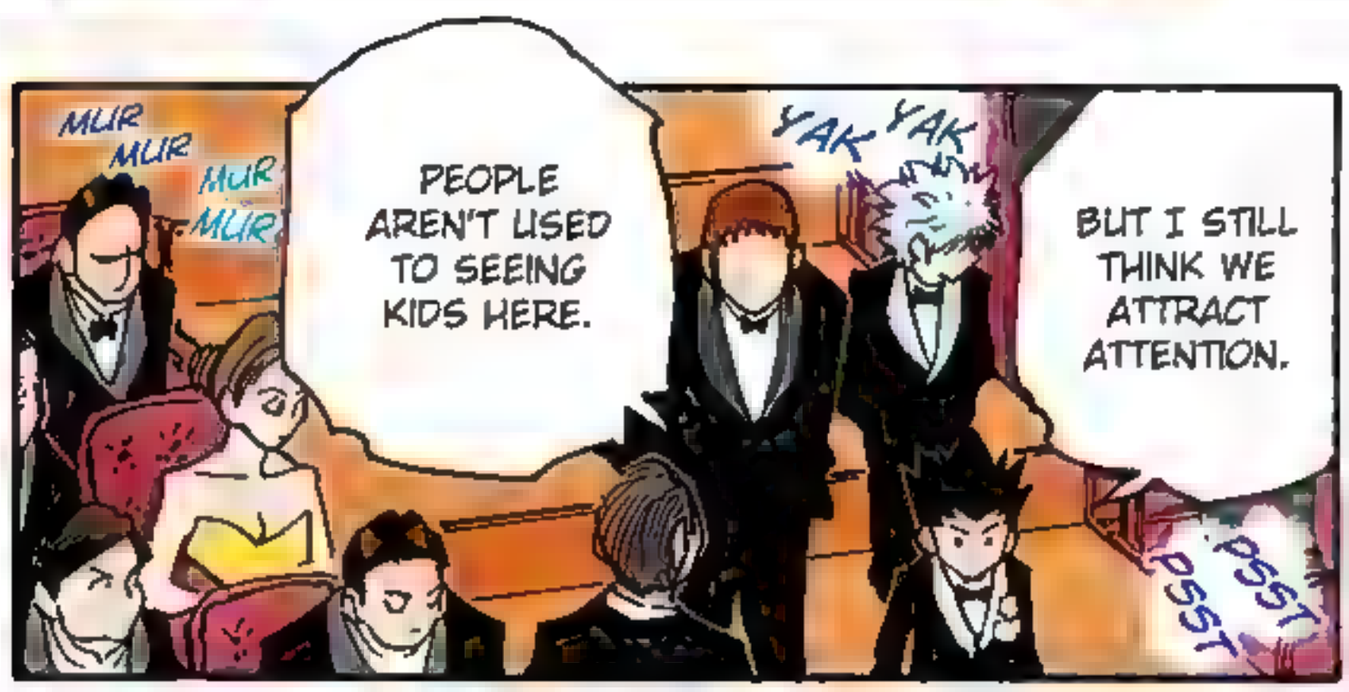
AH, THIS WAY.

HALL B...

WOAH!!


MUR MUR MUR MUR
PEOPLE AREN'T USED TO SEEING KIDS HERE.
YAK YAK
BUT I STILL THINK WE ATTRACT ATTENTION.
PSST PSST

WE WOULD HAVED LOOKED OUT OF PLACE WITH NORMAL CLOTHES.
THE RENTAL SURE WASN'T CHEAP.
IT'S A GOOD THING WE'RE DRESSED UP, EVERYONE'S IN SUITS AND EVENING GOWNS.
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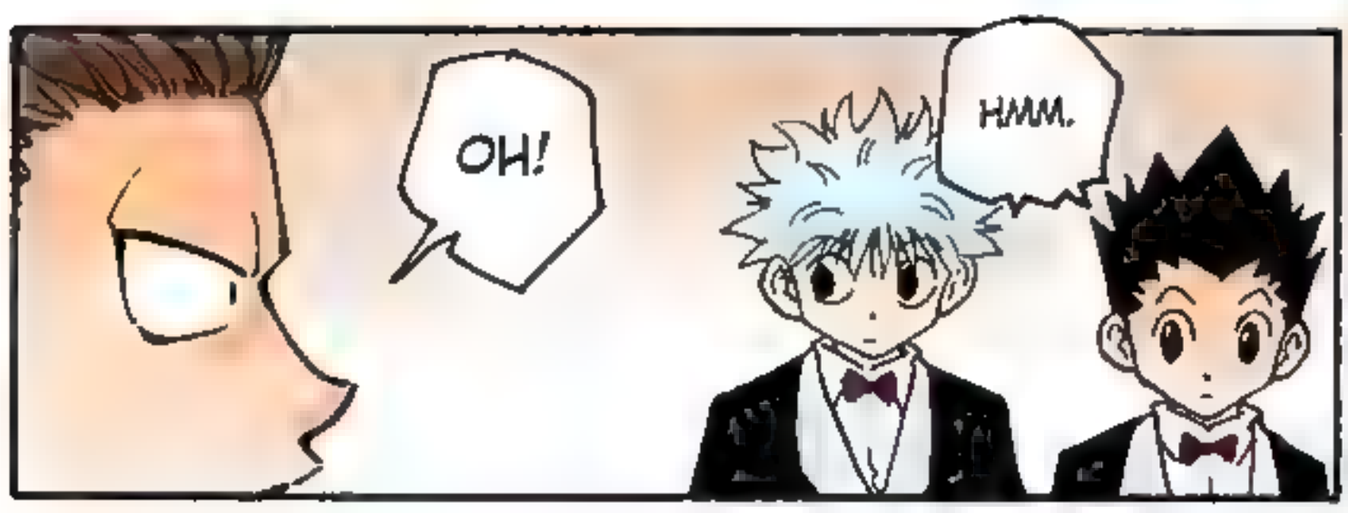
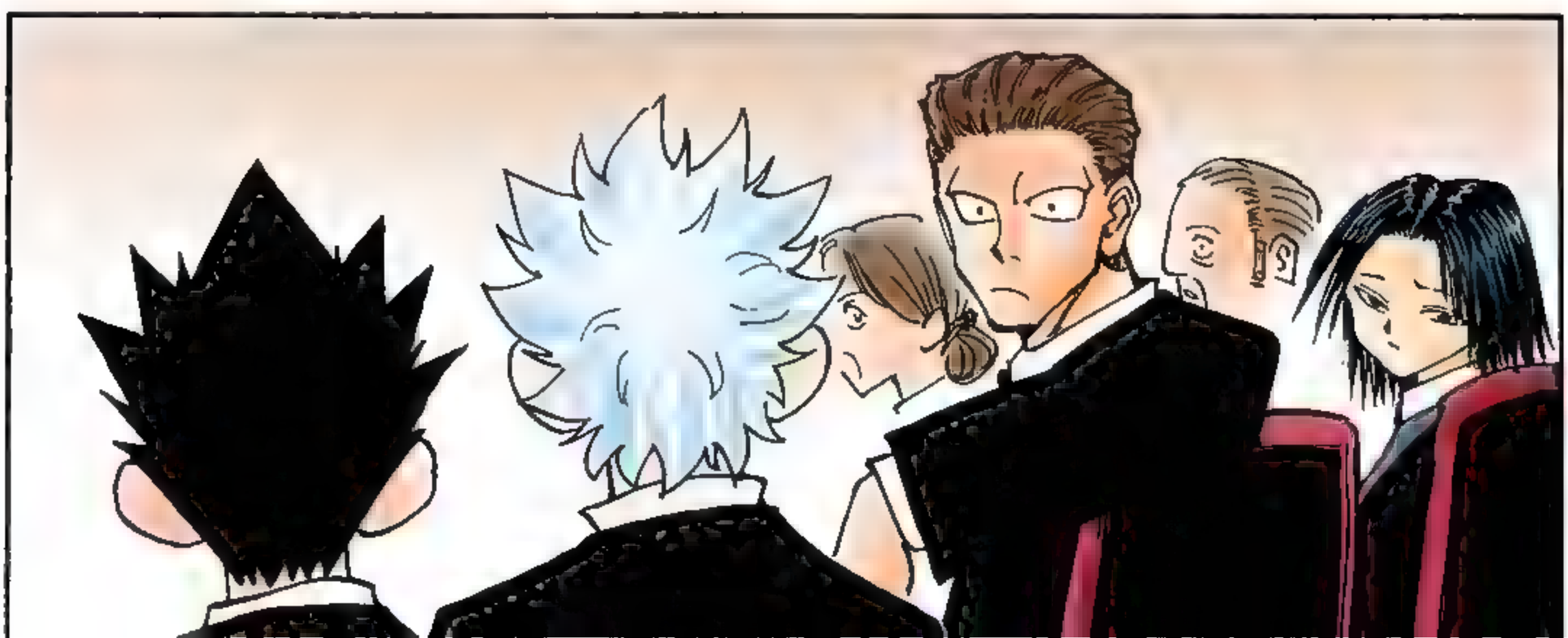

OH!
HMM.



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DON'T ASK ME!!
WHY ARE THEY HERE?!
YOU THINK?
RATHER RUDE RUNNING AWAY LIKE THAT.
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YO!
DON'T WORRY, WE HAVE NO INTENTIONS IN KILLING YOU.
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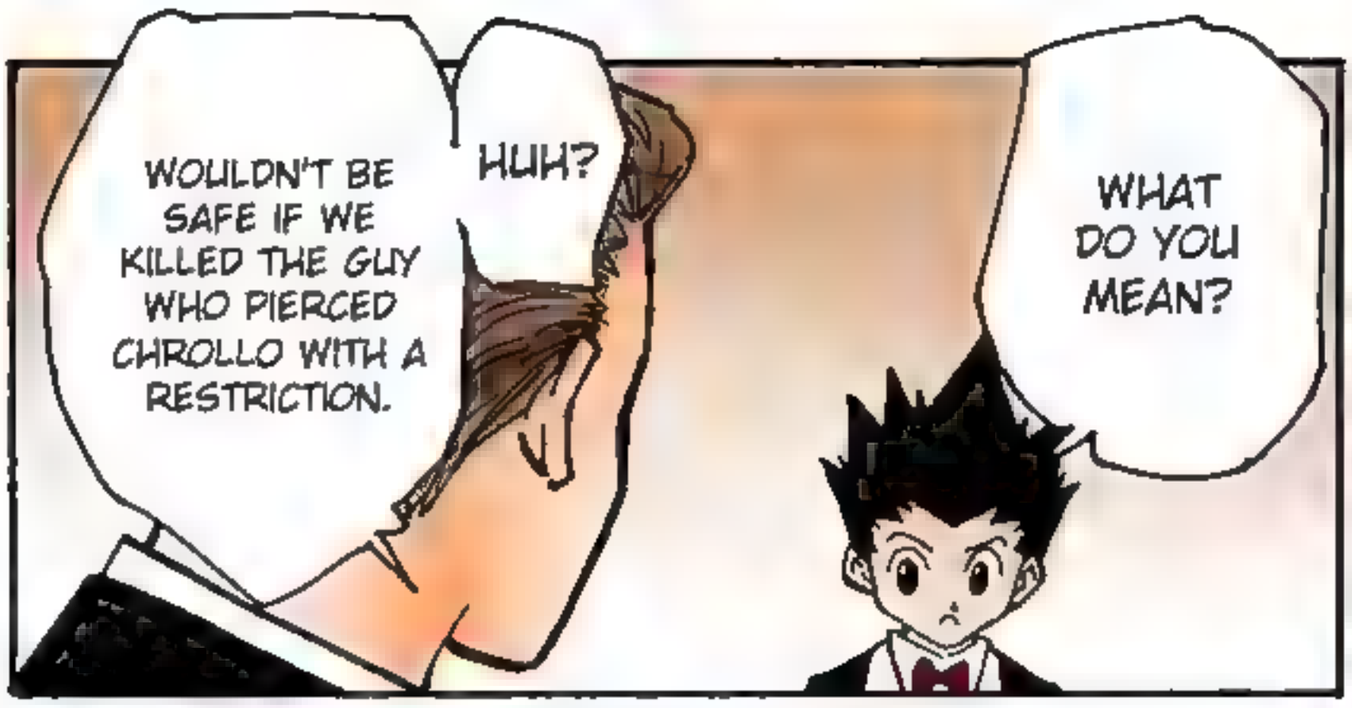
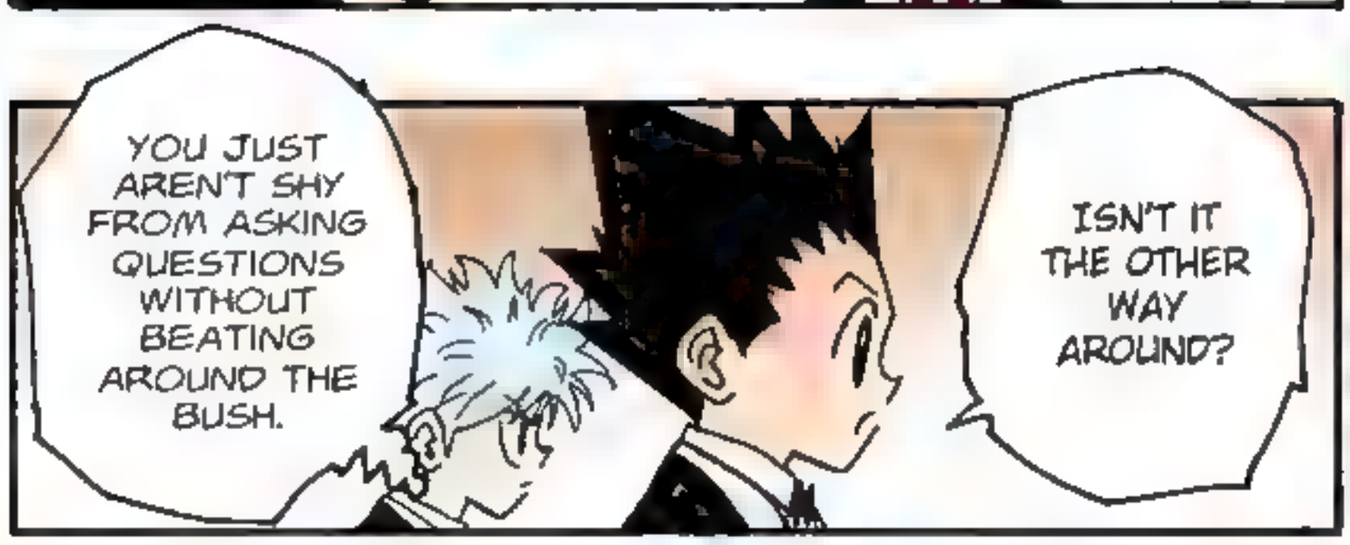

WOULDN'T BE SAFE IF WE KILLED THE GUY WHO PIERCED CHROLLO WITH A RESTRICTION.
HUH?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?


YOU JUST AREN'T SHY FROM ASKING QUESTIONS WITHOUT BEATING AROUND THE BUSH.
ISN'T IT THE OTHER WAY AROUND?

WE NO LONGER HAVE ANY REASONS TO PURSUE THE CHAIN USER.
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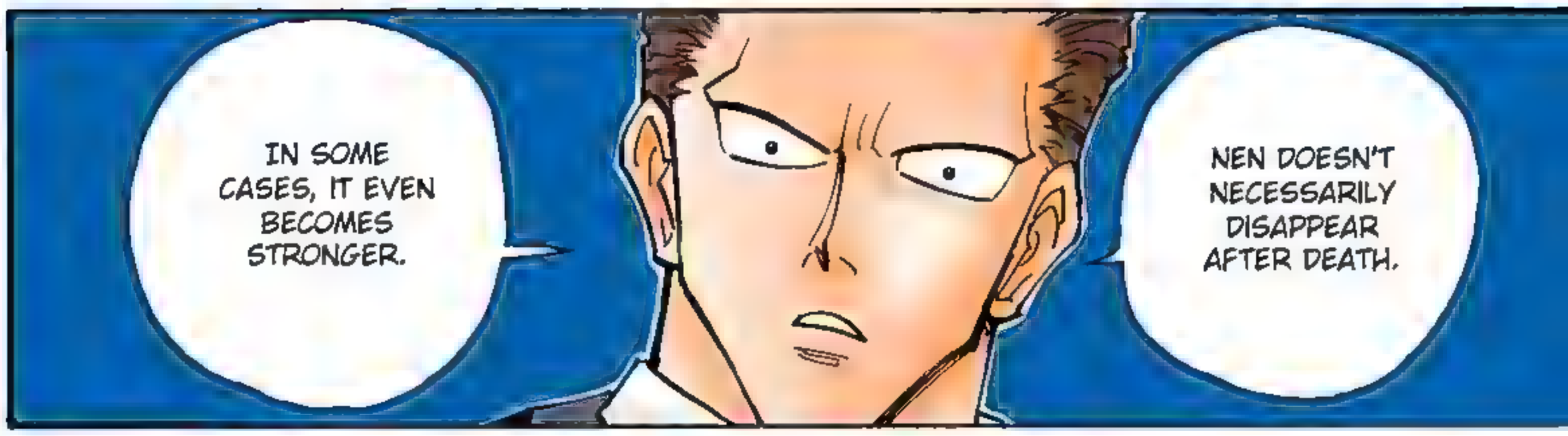
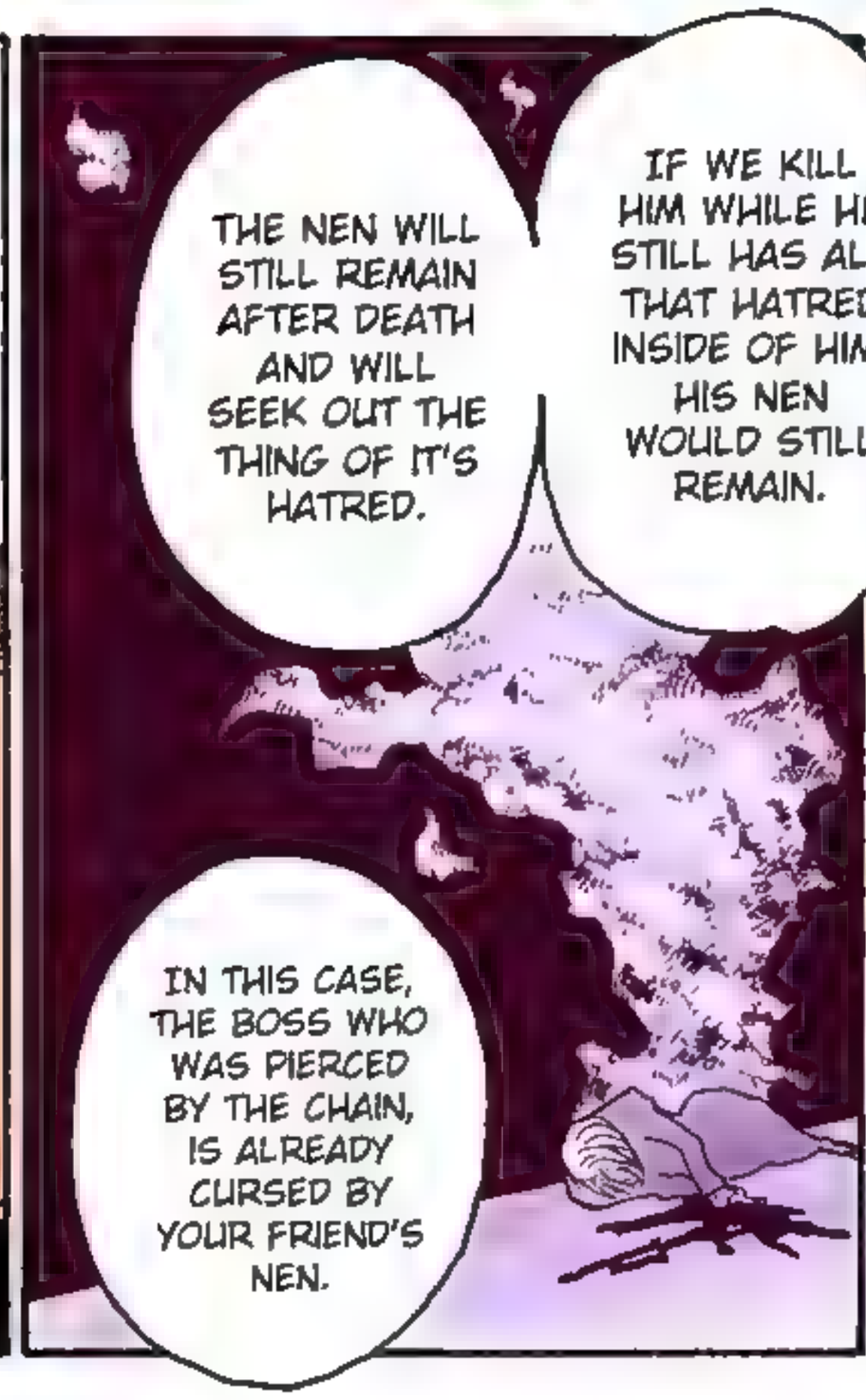
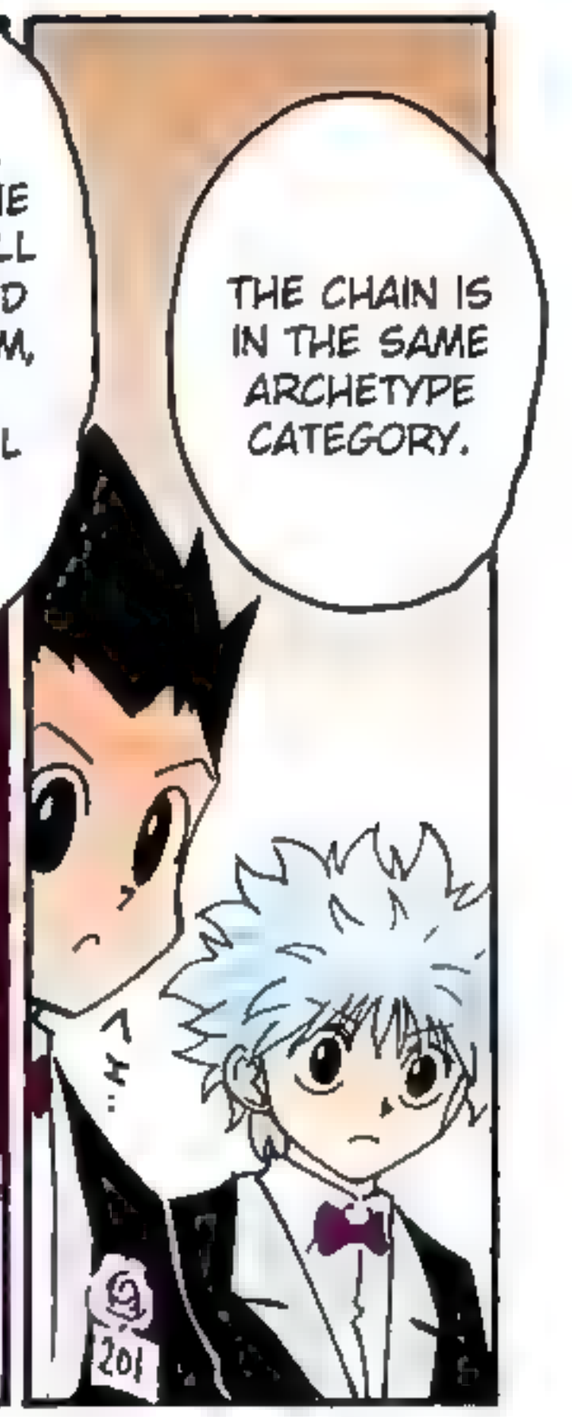

IN SOME CASES, IT EVEN BECOMES STRONGER.
NEN DOESN'T NECESSARILY DISAPPEAR AFTER DEATH.

THE NEN OF THE DEAD ARE FAR STRONGER.
HE CAN NO LONGER USE NEN, AND THERE WOULD BE NO WAY TO AVOID DANGER, SO HE IS MORE VULNERABLE NOW.
THAT'S WHY WE CANNOT KILL YOUR FRIEND.


THE NEN WILL STILL REMAIN AFTER DEATH AND WILL SEEK OUT THE THING OF IT'S HATRED.
IF WE KILL HIM WHILE HE STILL HAS ALL THAT HATRED INSIDE OF HIM, HIS NEN WOULD STILL REMAIN.
IN THIS CASE, THE BOSS WHO WAS PIERCED BY THE CHAIN, IS ALREADY CURSED BY YOUR FRIEND'S NEN.


THE CHAIN IS IN THE SAME ARCHETYPE CATEGORY.
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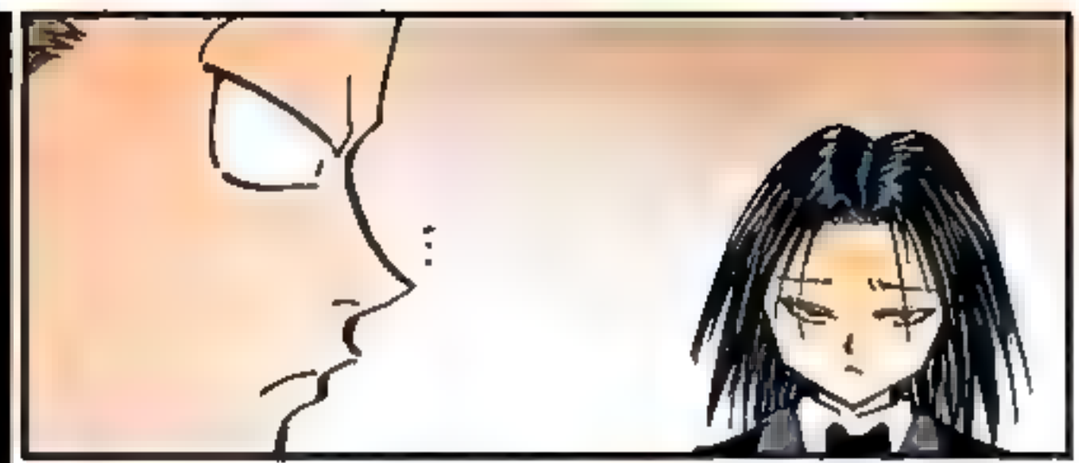
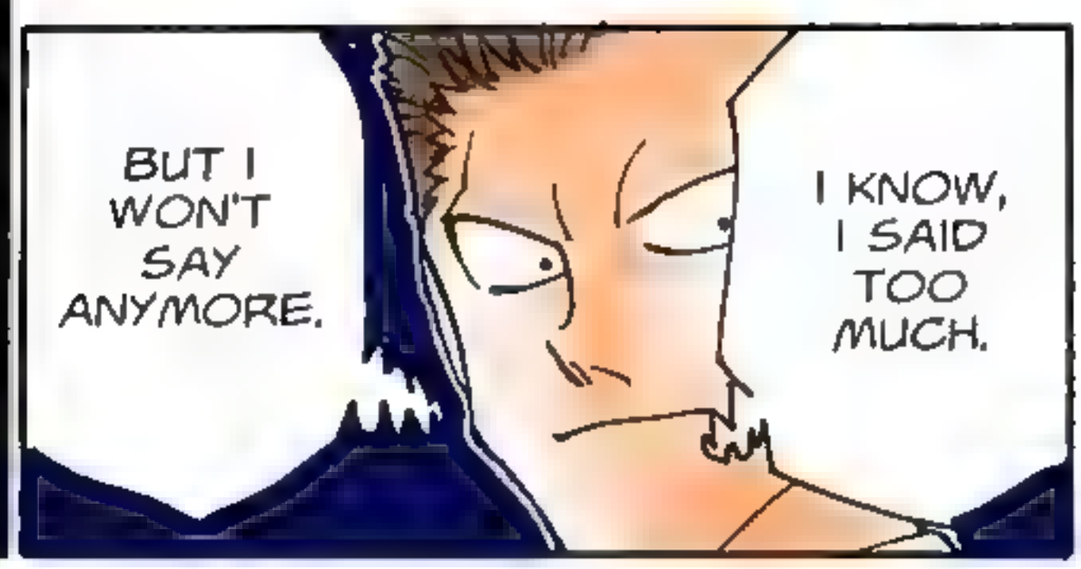
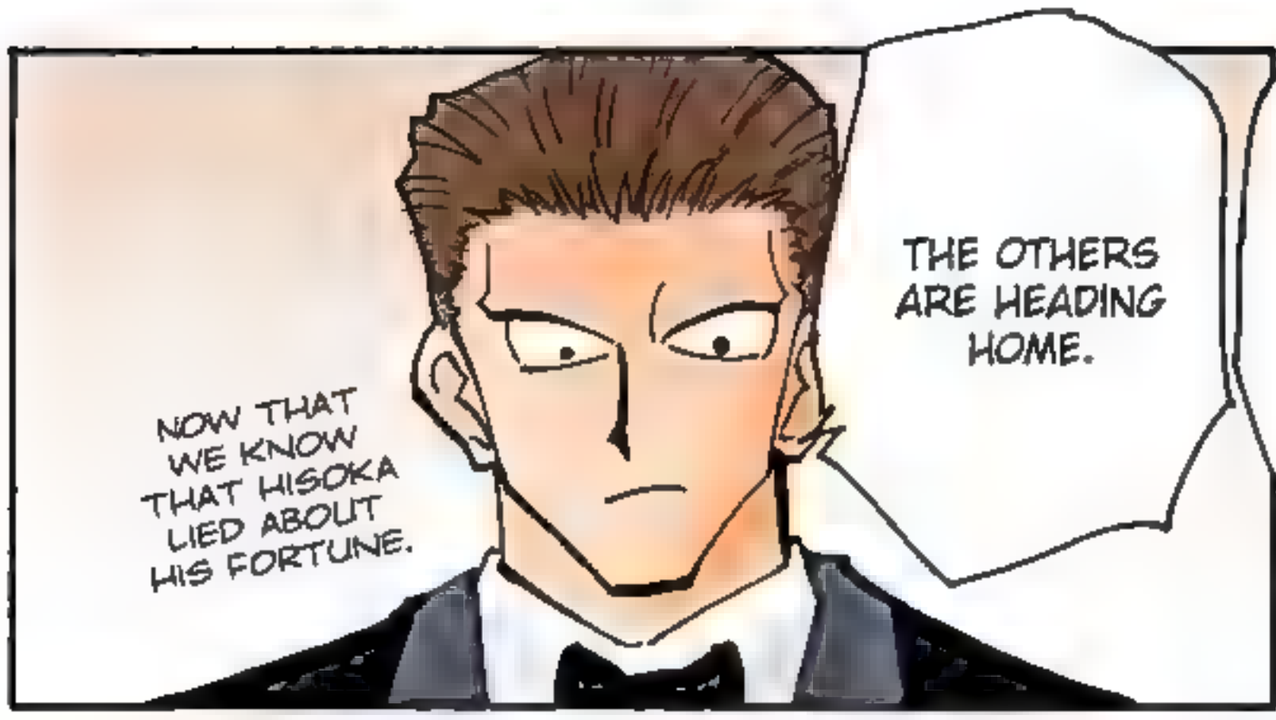
...THAT HAVE THE ABILITY TO REMOVE NEN IMPOSED BY SOMEONE ELSE.
THAT, FOR EXAMPLE, THERE ARE PEOPLE WITH ABILITES...

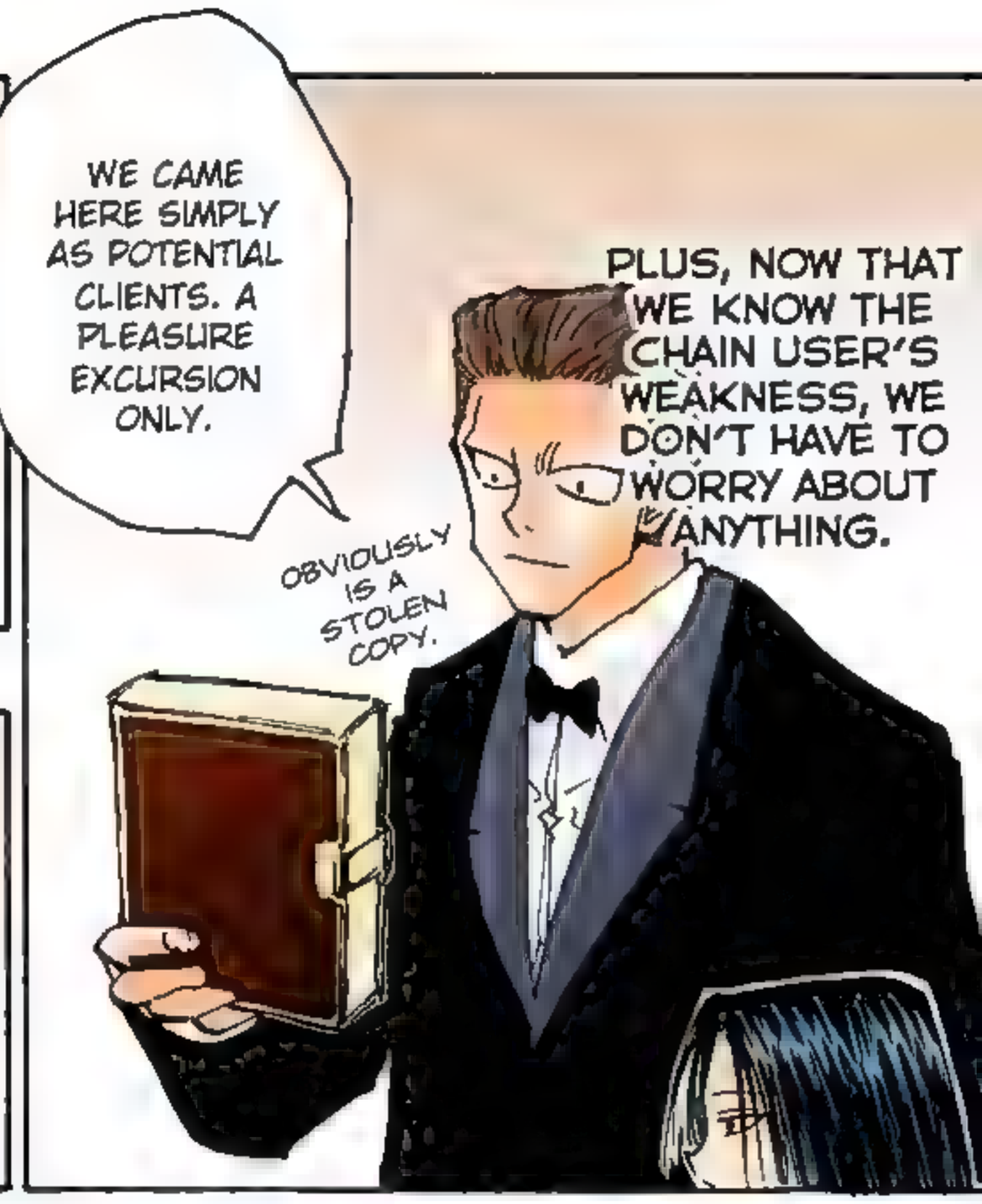


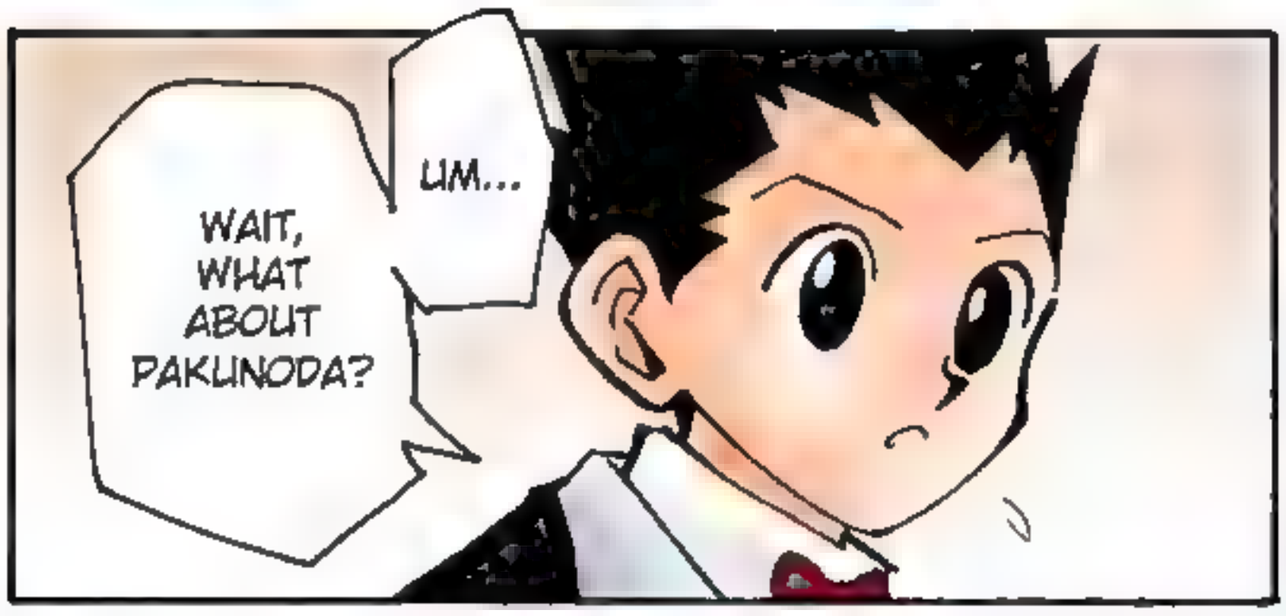

BUT I WON'T SAY ANYMORE.
I KNOW, I SAID TOO MUCH.

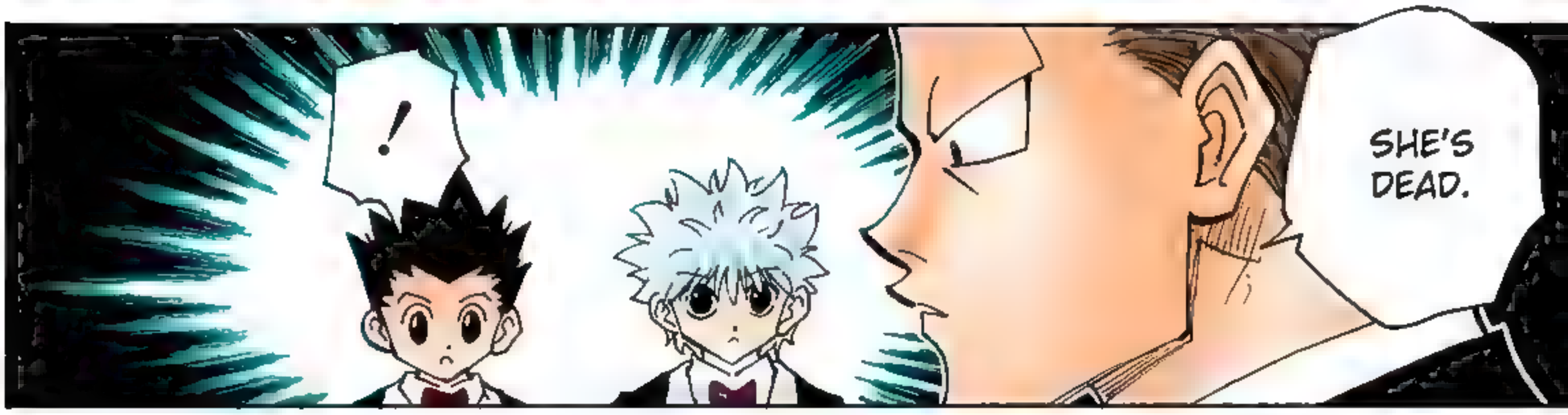
IN FACT, THERE ARE VERY FEW PEOPLE WHO POSSESS A REAL ABILITY TO EXORCISE NEN, AND FEWER THAN TEN IN THE WORLD WHO ARE POWERFUL AND STRONG ENOUGH TO REMOVE A NEN CURSE LEFT BY THE DEAD.
THE CEREMONIES ARE CONDUCTED BY PEOPLE WHO CALL THEMSELVES "SPIRITUAL MEDIUMS."
THAT CONCEPT IS KNOWN AS "EXORCISM" AND "SPIRIT BANISHMENT". TO THE LAYMAN WHO KNOW NOTHING OF NEN, AS THE EFFECTS OF NEN ABILITIES WERE BLAMED ON THE ANTICS OF GHOSTS AND DEMONS.
THE ABILITY TO FREE SOMEONE FROM A NEN RESTRICTION...

IN OTHER WORDS, WE DON'T HAVE ANYTHING AGAINST YOU.
WELL ...
SO NOW ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS WAIT FOR HIM...
THE BOSS LEFT TO LOOK FOR A NEN EXORCIST.


NOW THAT WE KNOW THAT HISOKA LIED ABOUT HIS FORTUNE.
THE OTHERS ARE HEADING HOME.


WE CAME HERE SIMPLY AS POTENTIAL CLIENTS. A PLEASURE EXCURSION ONLY.
PLUS, NOW THAT WE KNOW THE CHAIN USER'S WEAKNESS, WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ANYTHING.
OBVIOUSLY IS A STOLEN COPY.


UM...
WAIT, WHAT ABOUT PAKUNODA?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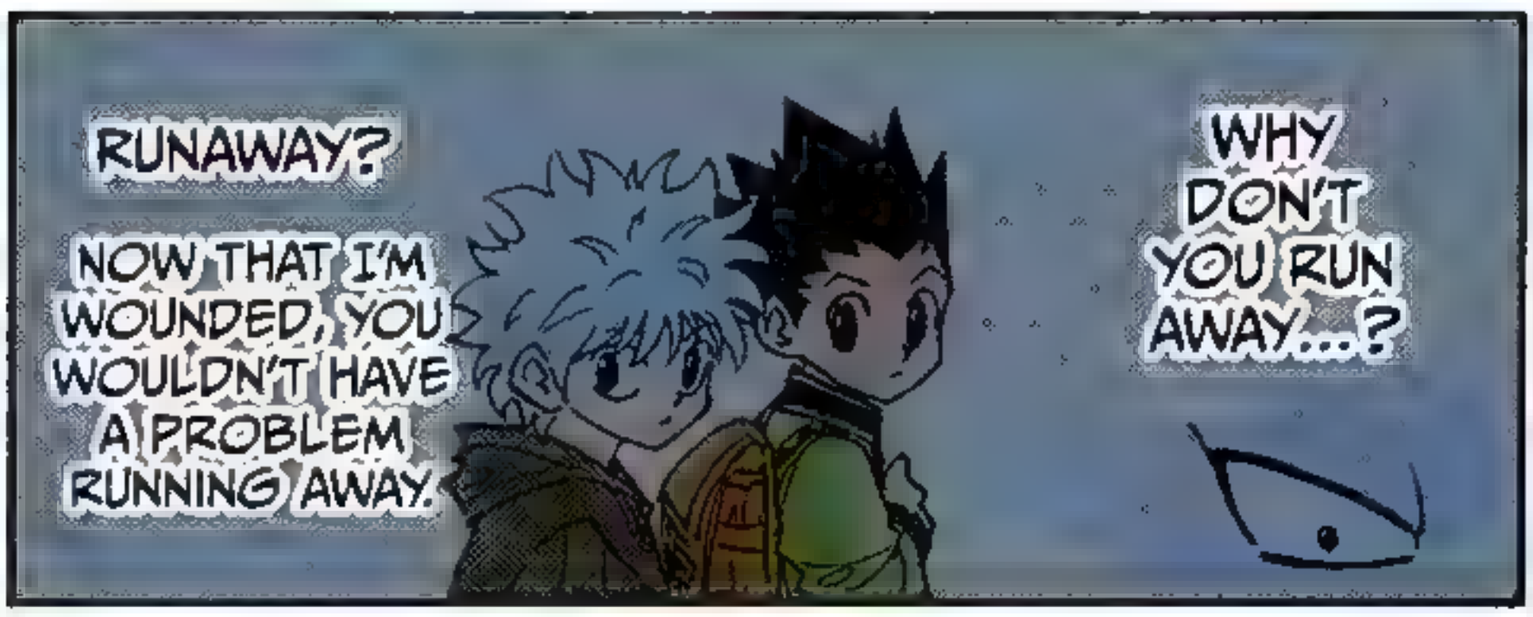
SHE'S DEAD.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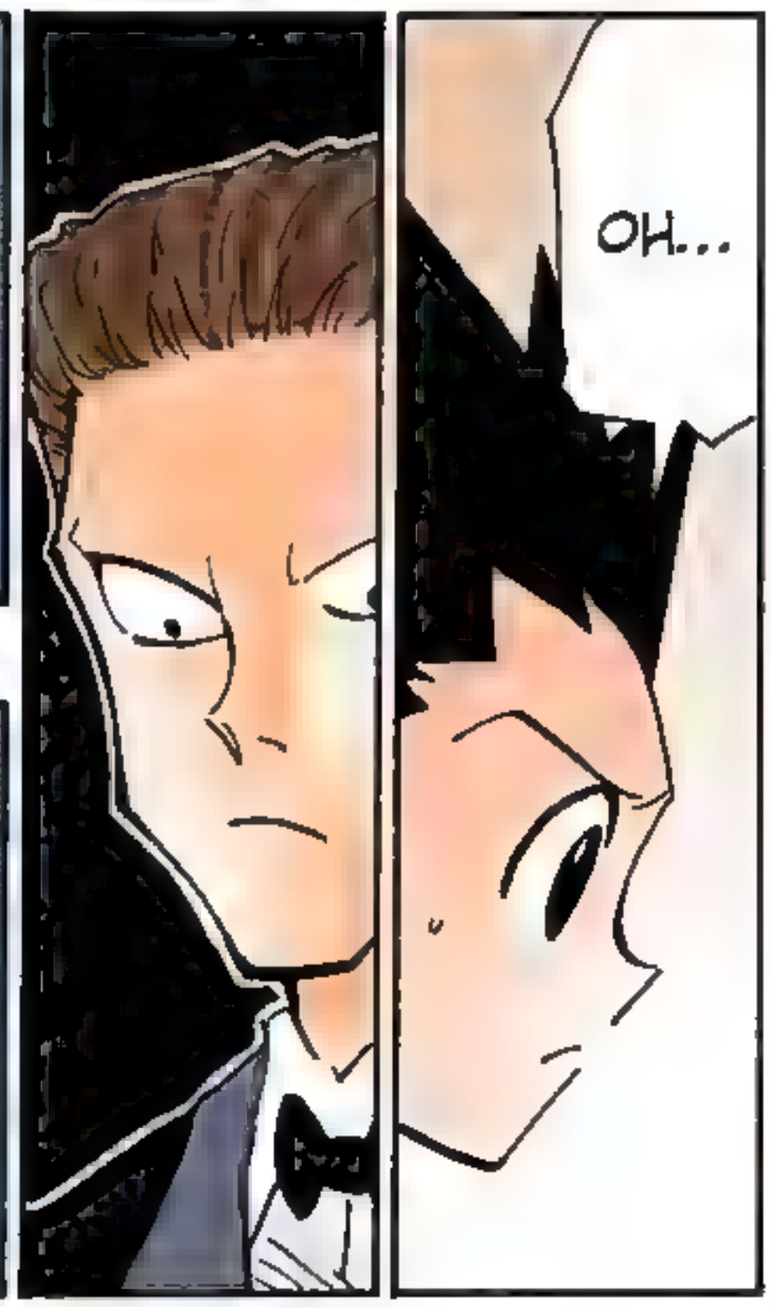
NOW THAT I'M WOUNDED, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM RUNNING AWAY.
WHY DON'T YOU RUN AWAY...?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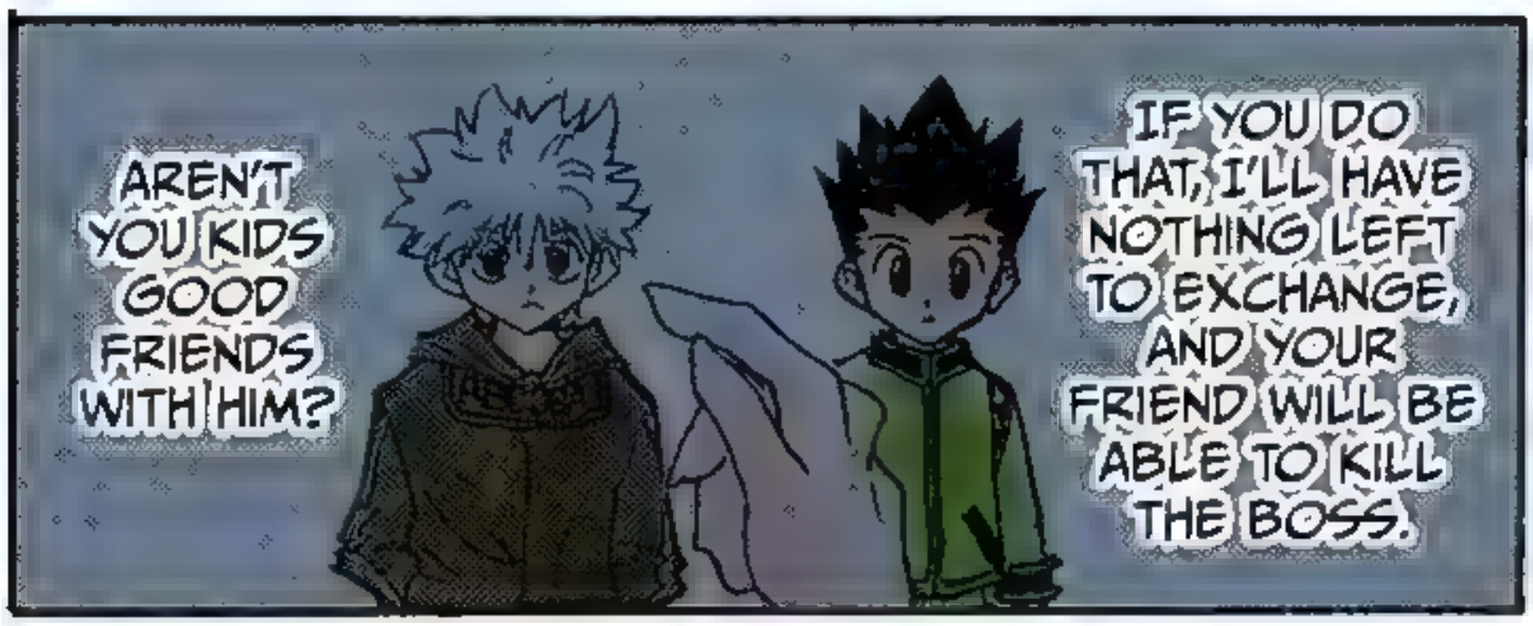
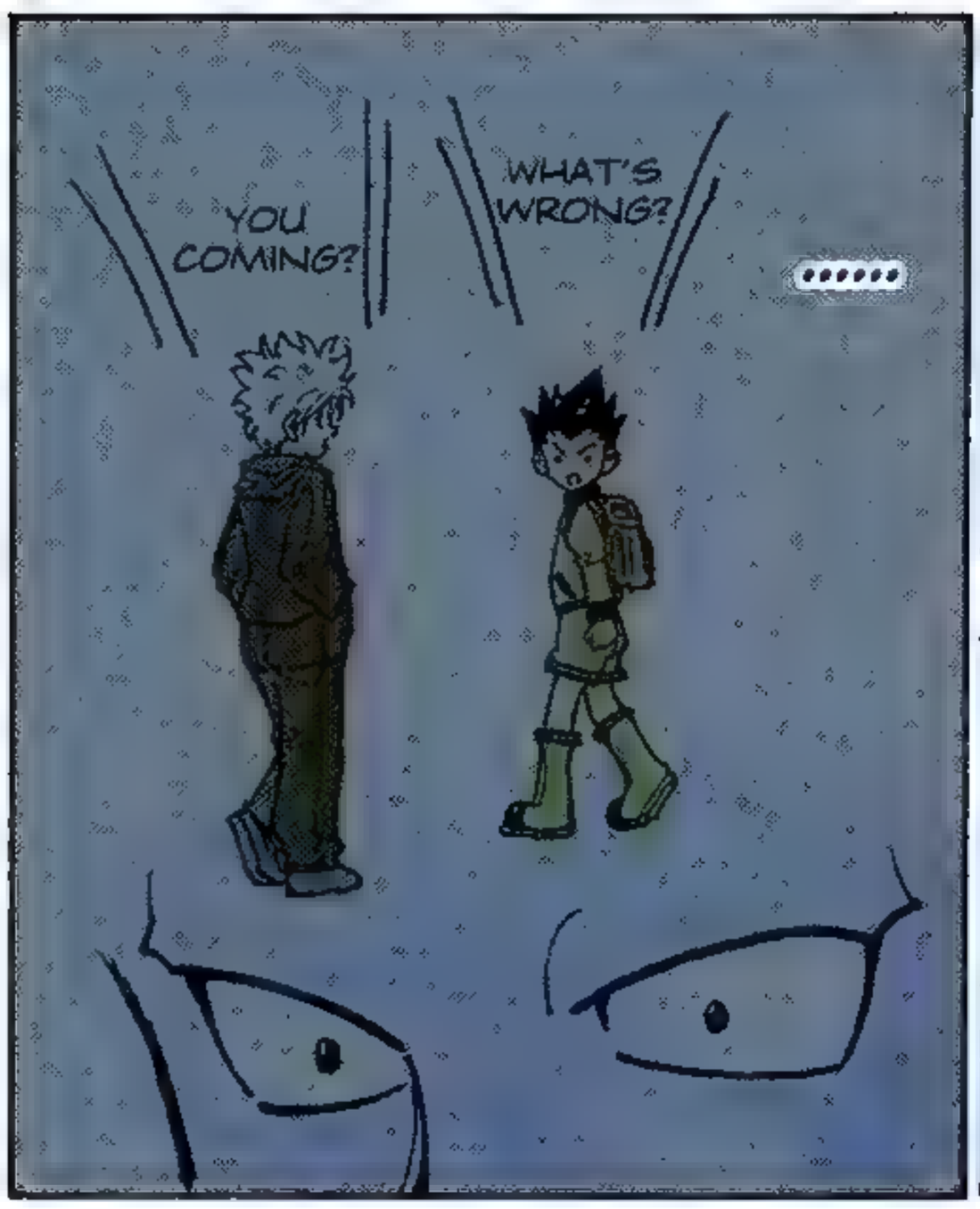

AREN'T YOU KIDS GOOD FRIENDS WITH HIM?
IF YOU DO THAT, I'LL HAVE NOTHING LEFT TO EXCHANGE, AND YOUR FRIEND WILL BE ABLE TO KILL THE BOSS.


YOU COMING?
WHAT'S WRONG?
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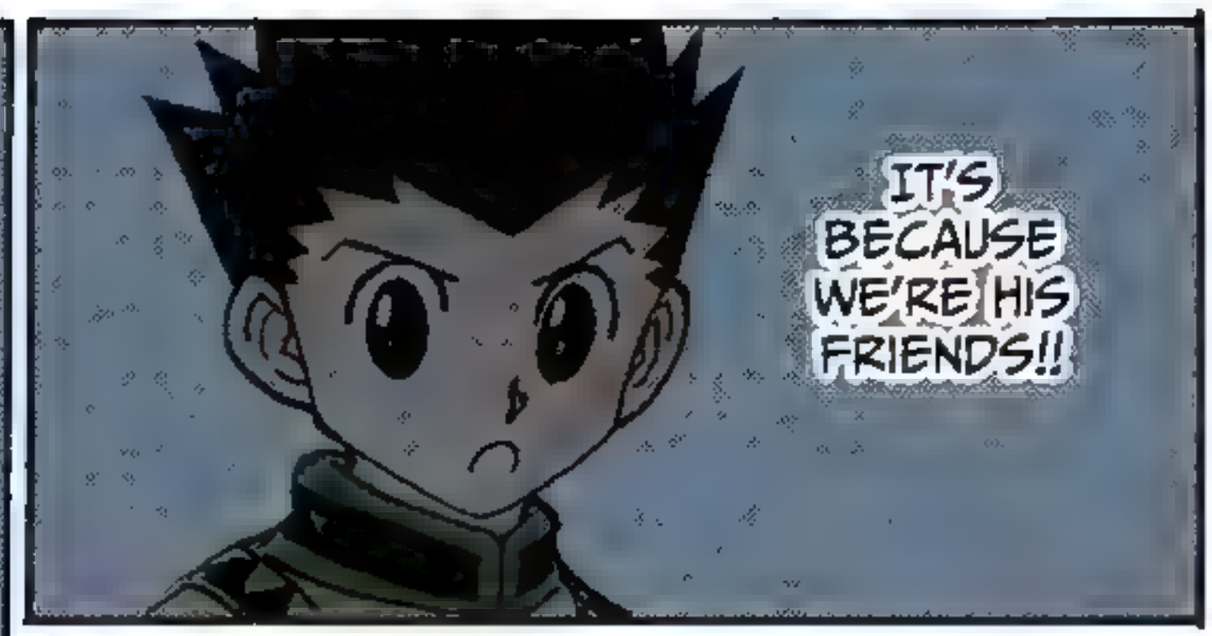
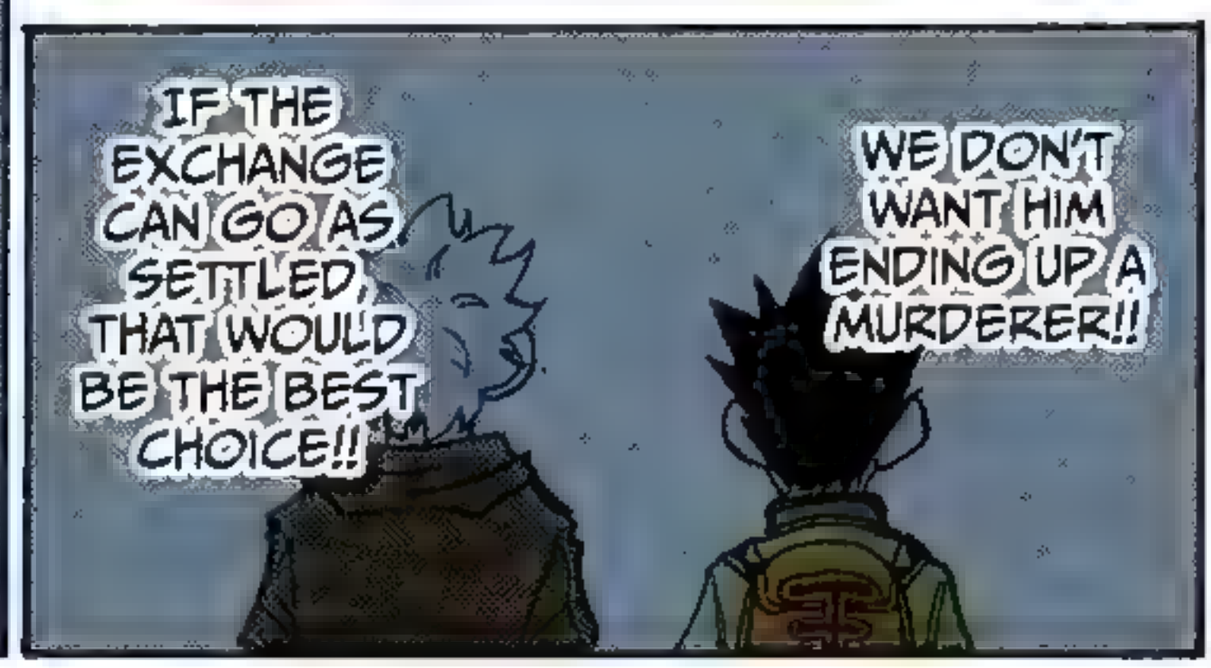
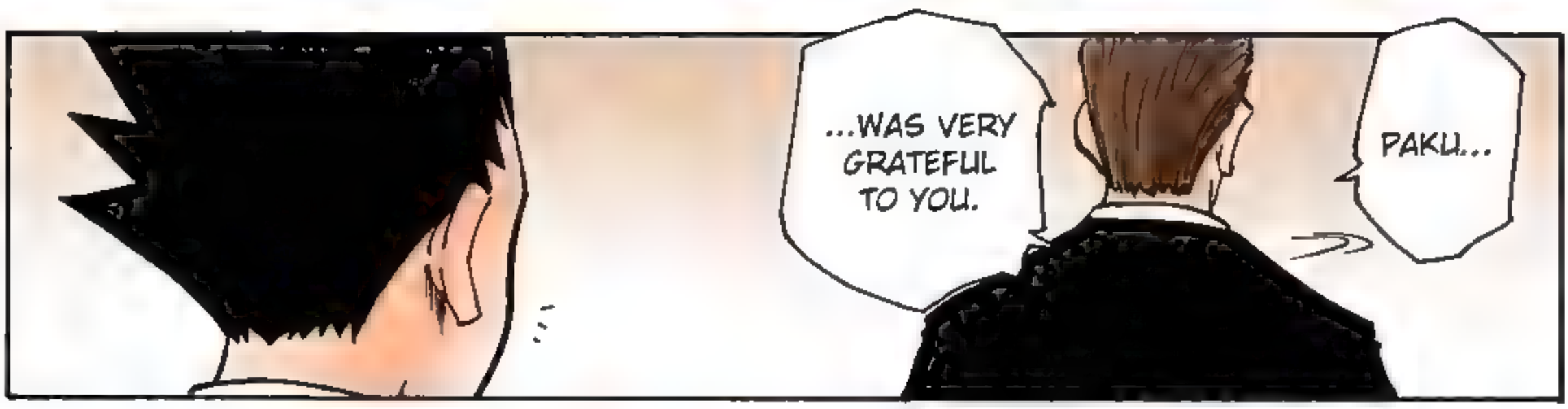
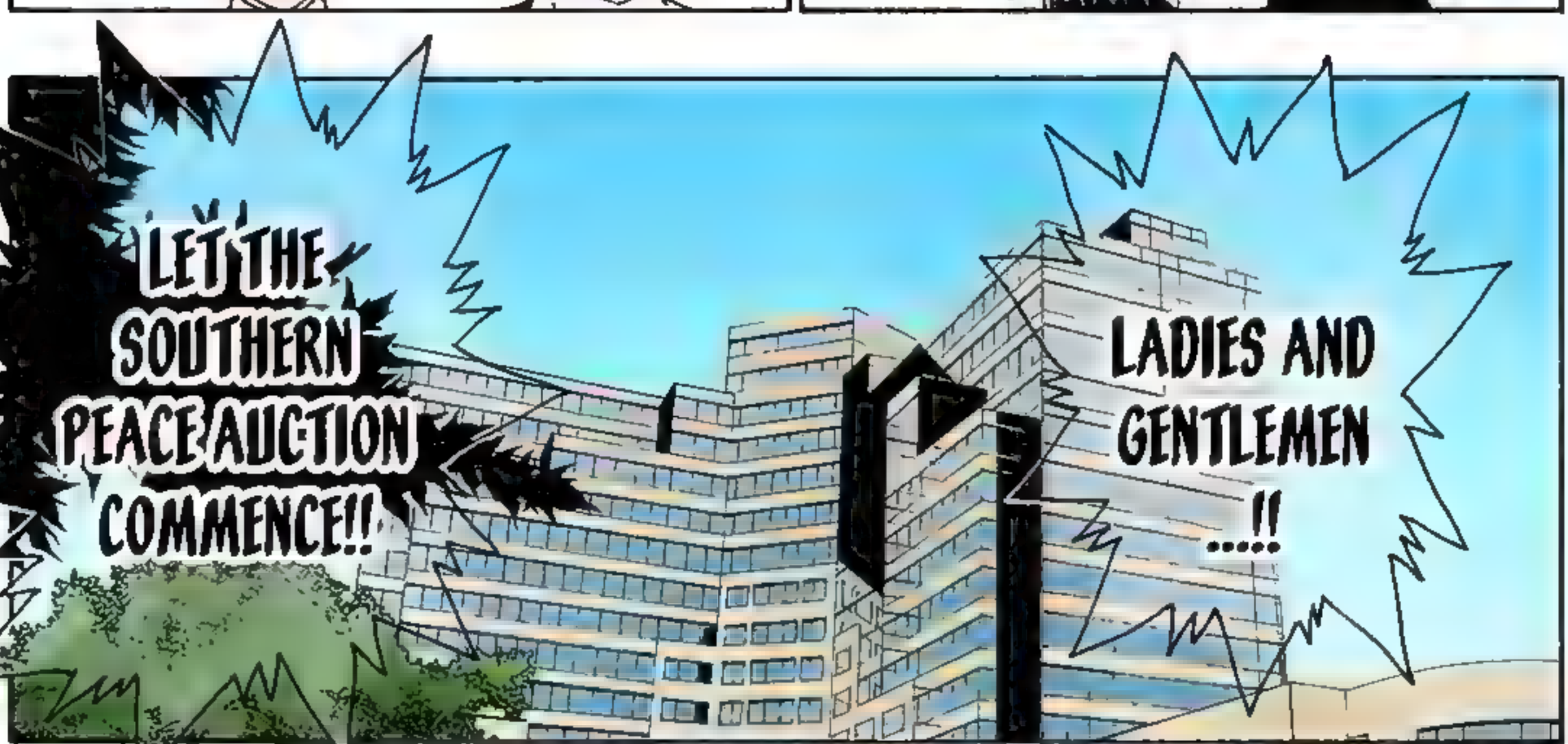

IT'S BECAUSE WE'RE HIS FRIENDS!!


IF THE EXCHANGE CAN GO AS SETTLED, THAT WOULD BE THE BEST CHOICE!!
WE DON'T WANT HIM ENDING UP A MURDERER!!


...WAS VERY GRATEFUL TO YOU.
PAKU...


LET THE SOUTHERN PEACE AUCTION COMMENCE!!
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN ...!!

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!

...AND THE BIZARRE, FEATURED ALL HERE IN HALL B?

OR SHALL I SAY TO YOU "ECCENTRIC" CUSTOMERS LURED BY THE OBSCURE...

I ENCOURAGE YOU TO TAKE PART IN TODAY'S AUCTION TO ACQUIRE THE ITEM YOU HAVE IN MIND WITHOUT ANY SECOND THOUGHT, SO SOCIETY CAN SEE WHAT YOU HOLD!!

YOUR PRESENCE HERE IS THE INDISPUTABLE PROOF THAT YOU ARE TRUE COLLECTORS, WITH A SINGLE GOAL IN MIND, AND ARE PROUD OF IT.

No.121 ◆ SEPTEMBER 6TH: PART 2

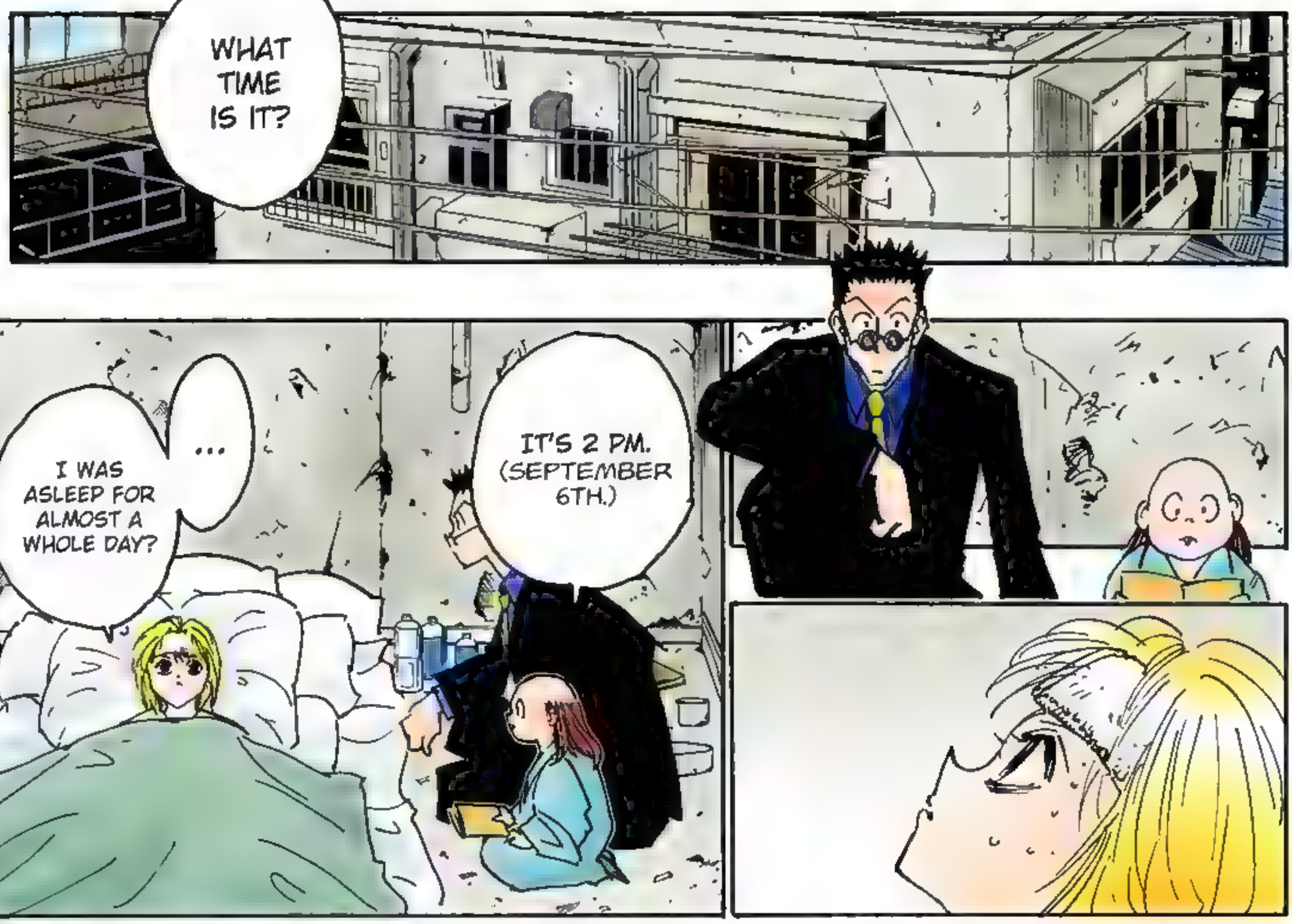
A FOSSILIZED DEODOROSAURUS DROPPING!!

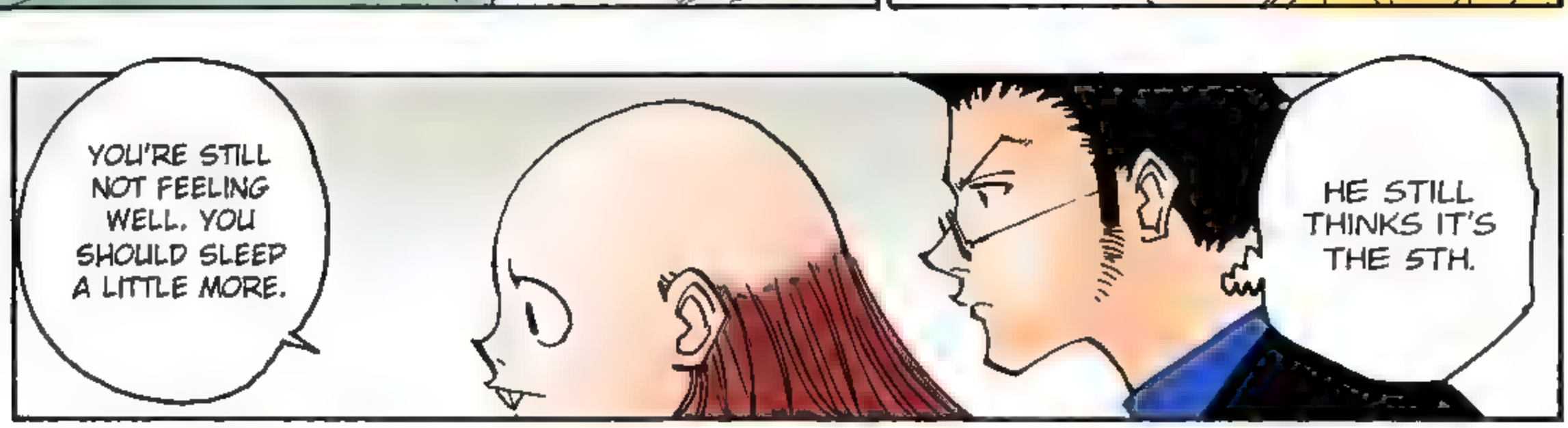
LET'S START WITH THE FIRST ITEM OF THE DAY!!

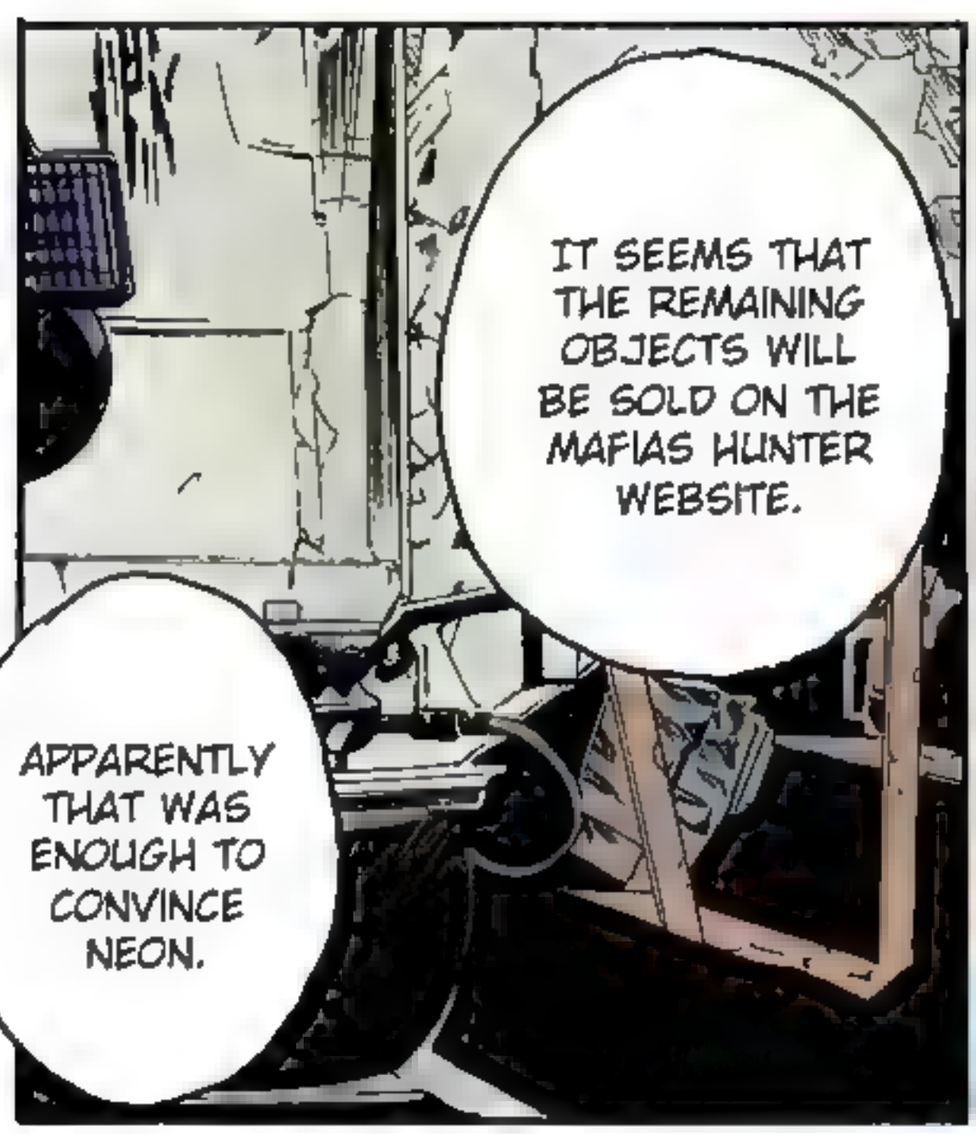
No.121 ◆ SEPTEMBER 6TH: PART ②

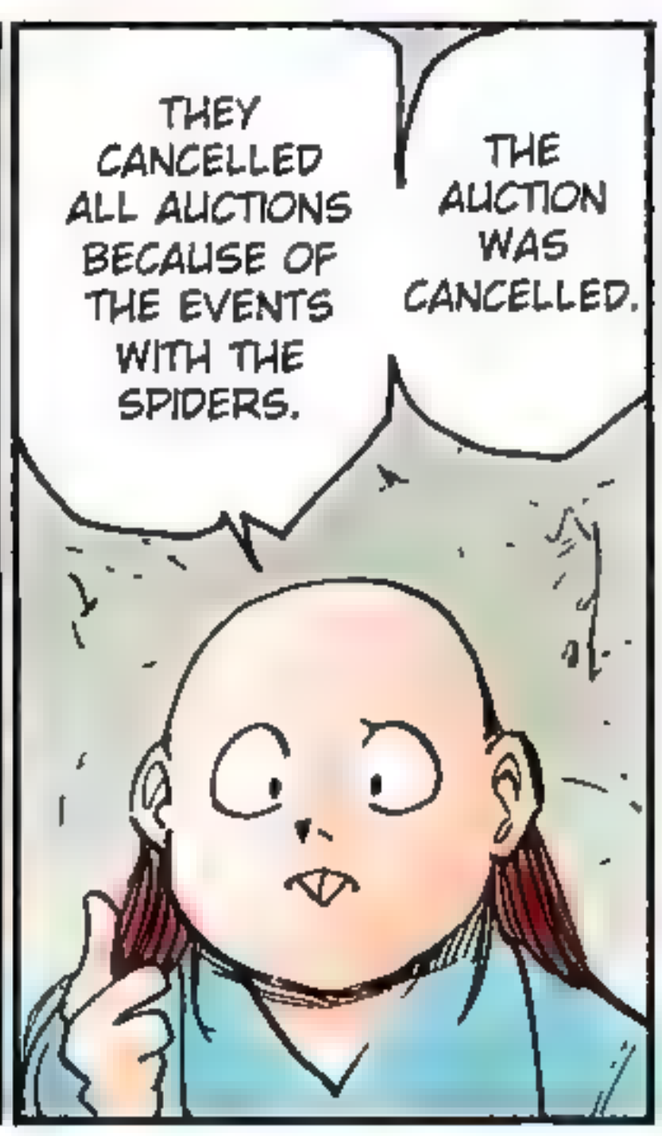
MELODY: EMITTER

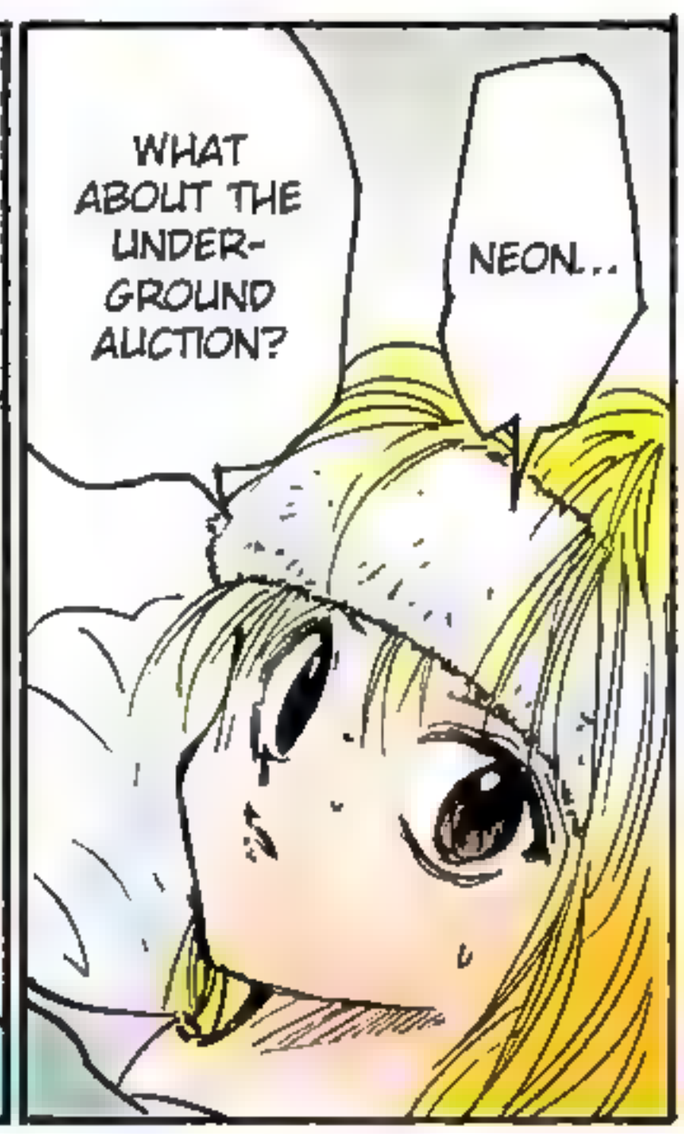
She can project her aura along with her instrumental music flute that she uses to ease other's fatigue. She has exceptional hearing, and can perceive a person's psychological state just by listening to the beat of their heart.

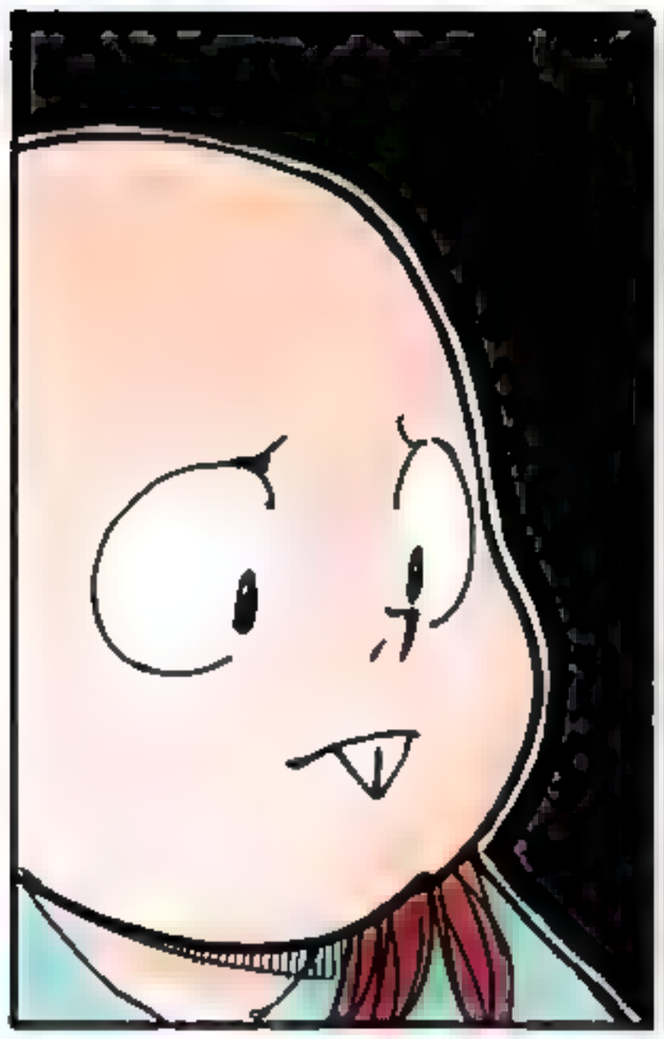

WHAT TIME IS IT?
I WAS ASLEEP FOR ALMOST A WHOLE DAY?
...
IT'S 2 PM. (SEPTEMBER 6TH.)


YOU'RE STILL NOT FEELING WELL. YOU SHOULD SLEEP A LITTLE MORE.
HE STILL THINKS IT'S THE 5TH.

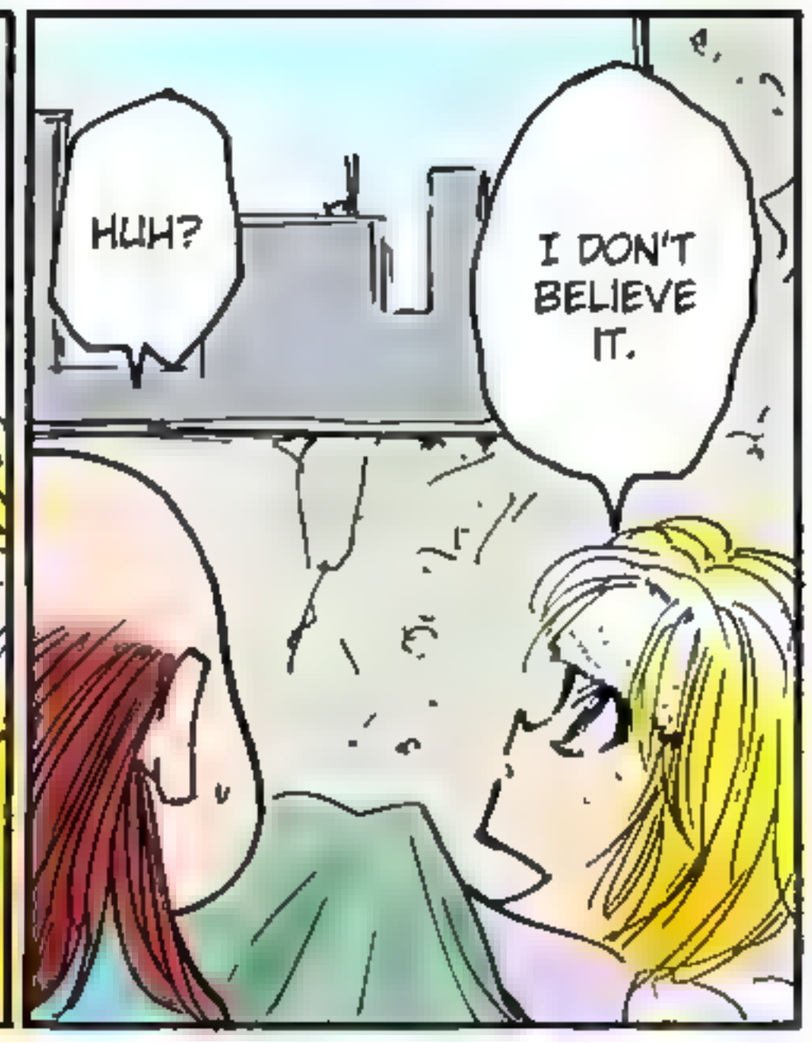

IT SEEMS THAT THE REMAINING OBJECTS WILL BE SOLD ON THE MAFIAS HUNTER WEBSITE.
APPARENTLY THAT WAS ENOUGH TO CONVINCE NEON.

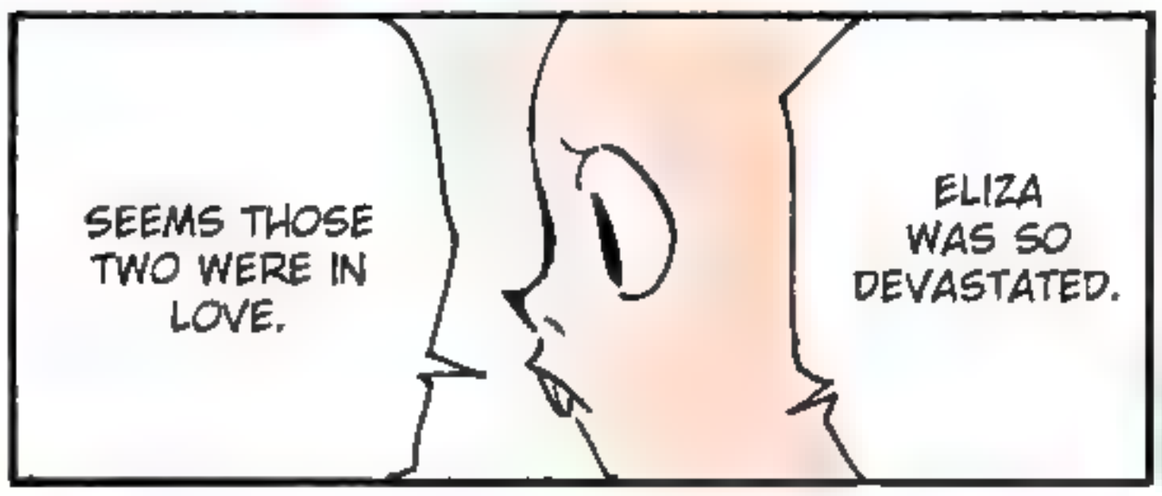

THEY CANCELLED ALL AUCTIONS BECAUSE OF THE EVENTS WITH THE SPIDERS.
THE AUCTION WAS CANCELLED.

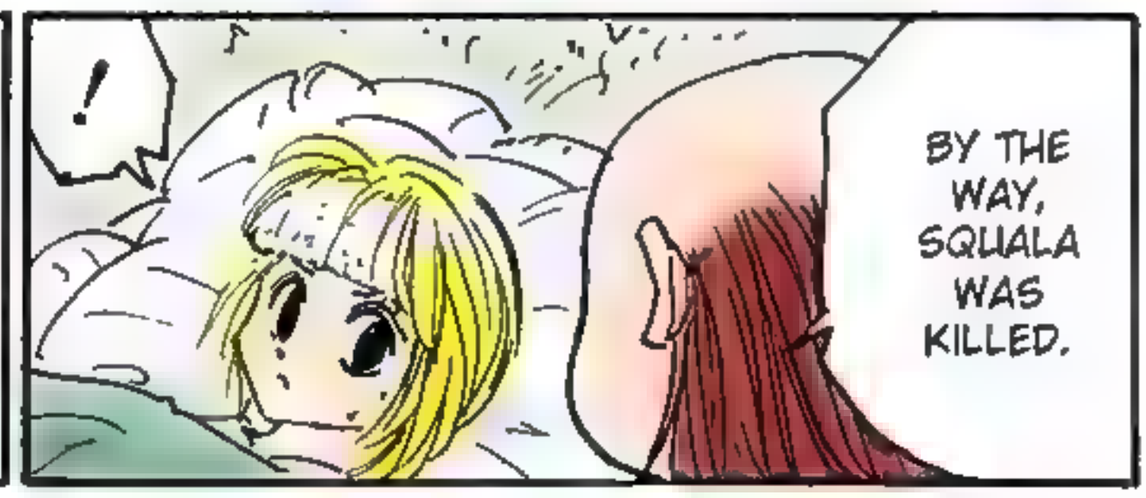

WHAT ABOUT THE UNDER-GROUND AUCTION?
NEON..



SHE LIKES THE EXCITEMENT OF THE AUCTION EVENT.
I WOULDN'T BELIEVE THAT SHE WOULD BE CONTENT WITH AN ONLINE AUCTION.


HUH?
I DON'T BELIEVE IT.


SEEMS THOSE TWO WERE IN LOVE.
ELIZA WAS SO DEVASTATED.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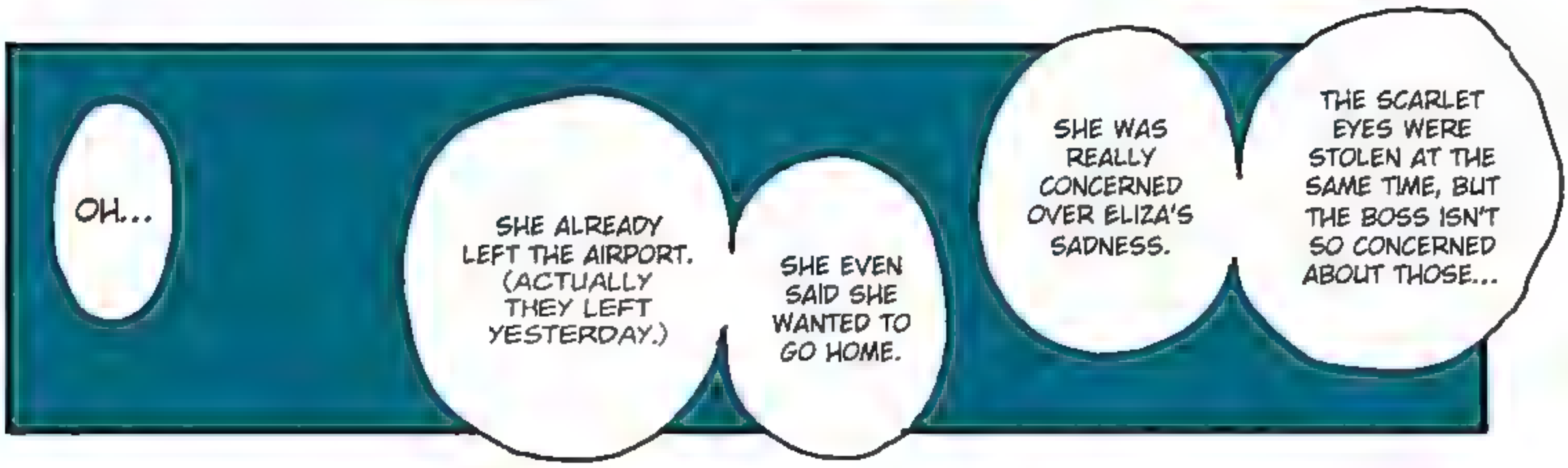
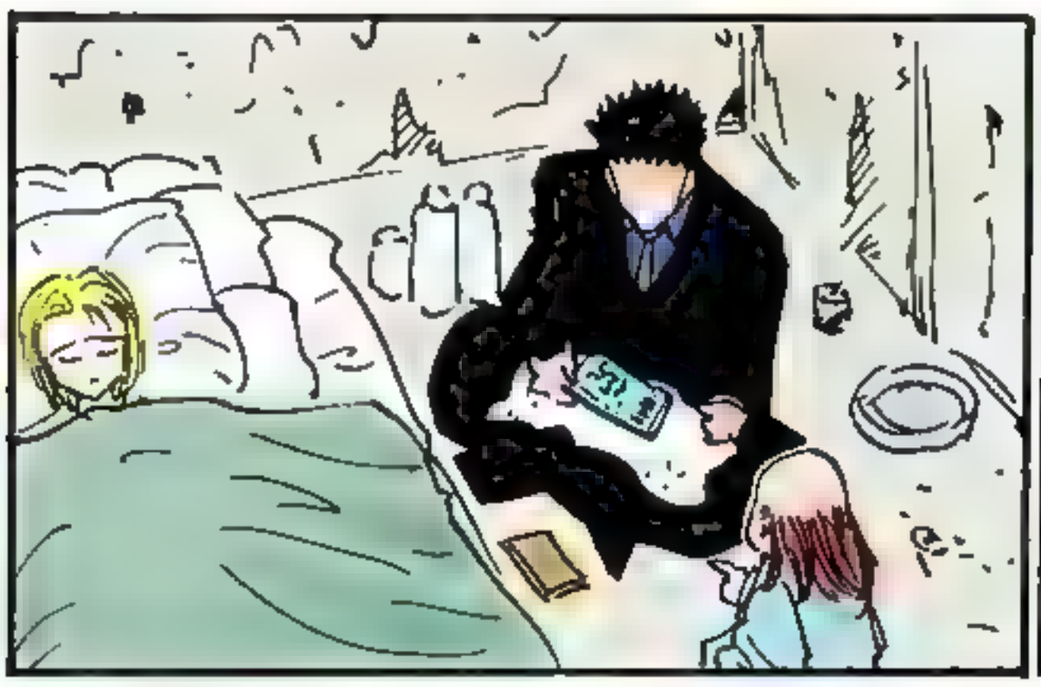
BY THE WAY, SQUALA WAS KILLED.


OH...
SHE ALREADY LEFT THE AIRPORT. (ACTUALLY THEY LEFT YESTERDAY.)
SHE EVEN SAID SHE WANTED TO GO HOME.
SHE WAS REALLY CONCERNED OVER ELIZA'S SADNESS.
THE SCARLET EYES WERE STOLEN AT THE SAME TIME, BUT THE BOSS ISN'T SO CONCERNED ABOUT THOSE...



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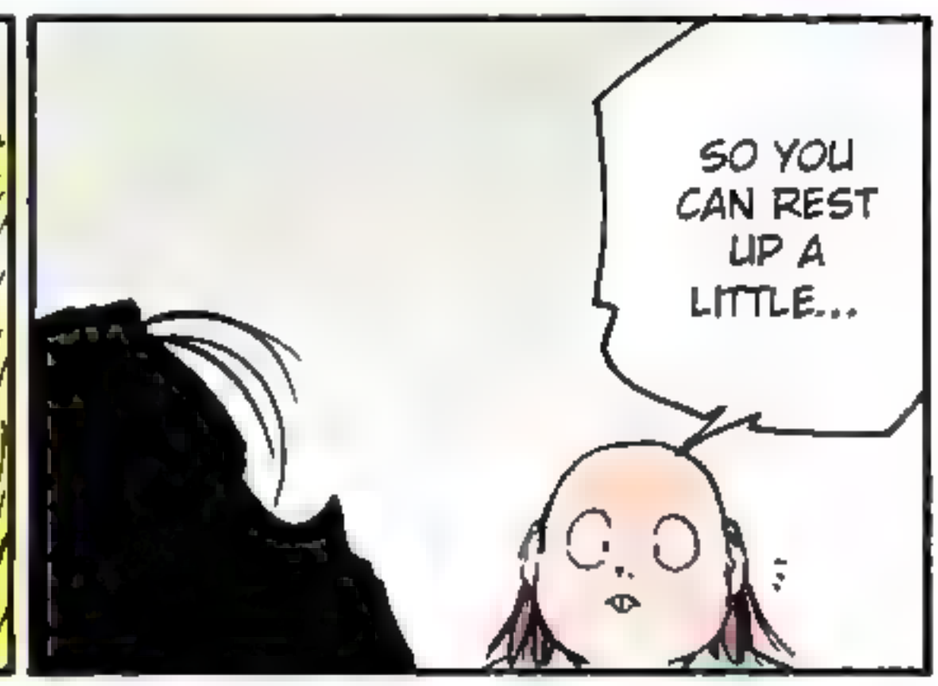
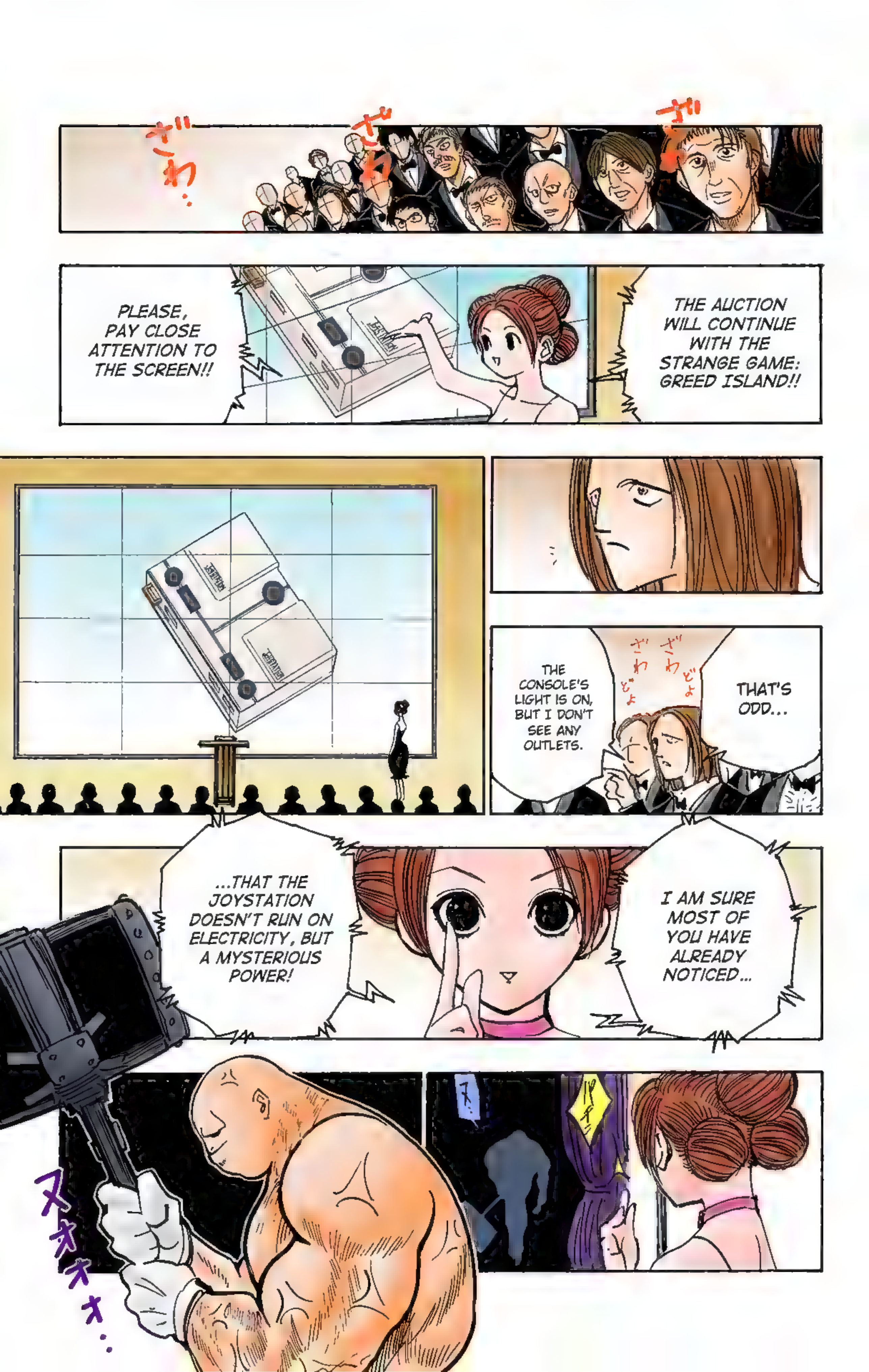

SO YOU CAN REST UP A LITTLE...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PLEASE, PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO THE SCREEN!!
THE AUCTION WILL CONTINUE WITH THE STRANGE GAME: GREED ISLAND!!
THE CONSOLE'S LIGHT IS ON, BUT I DON'T SEE ANY OUTLETS.
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THAT'S ODD...
...THAT THE JOYSTATION DOESN'T RUN ON ELECTRICITY, BUT A MYSTERIOUS POWER!
I AM SURE MOST OF YOU HAVE ALREADY NOTICED...
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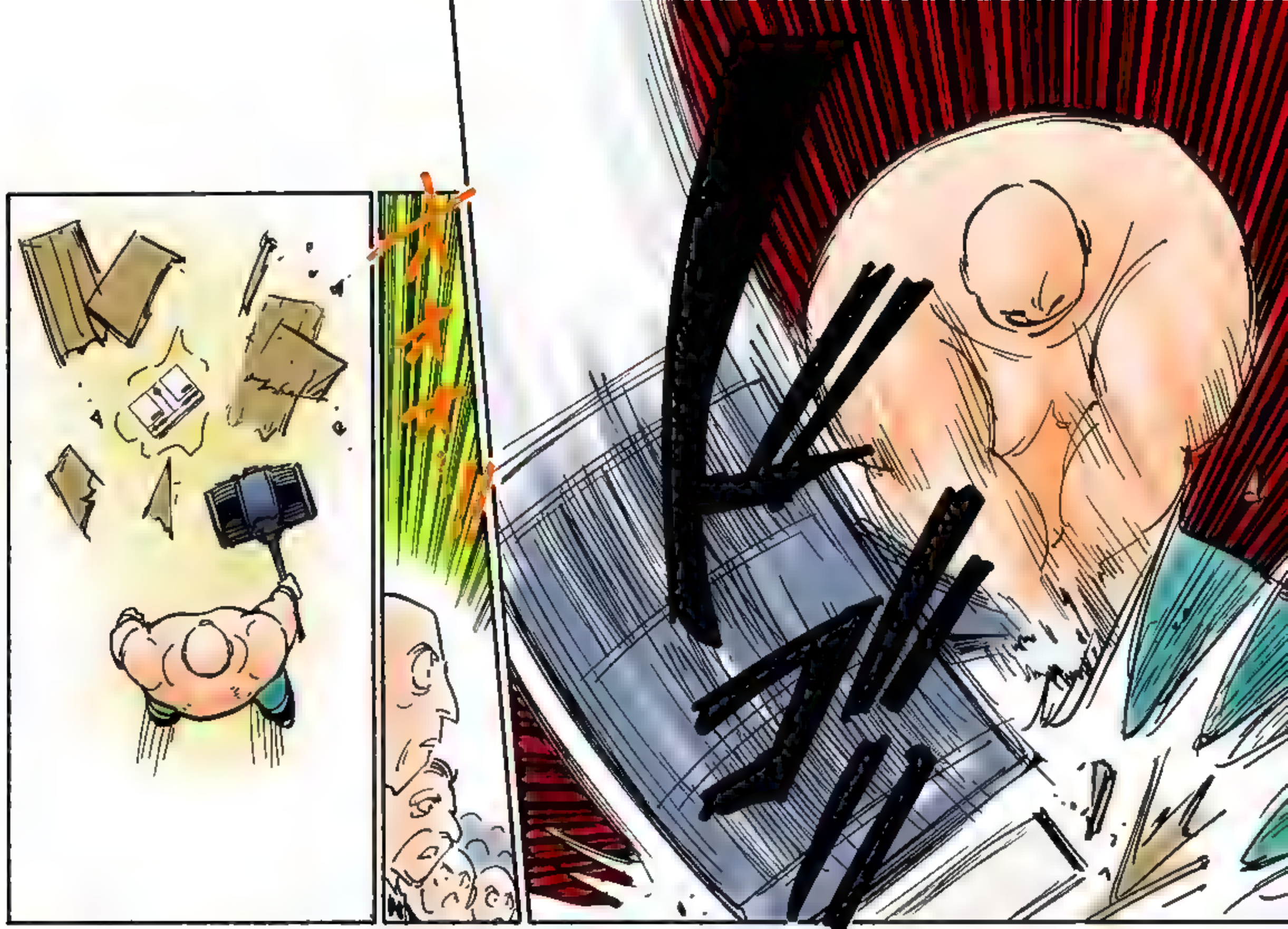
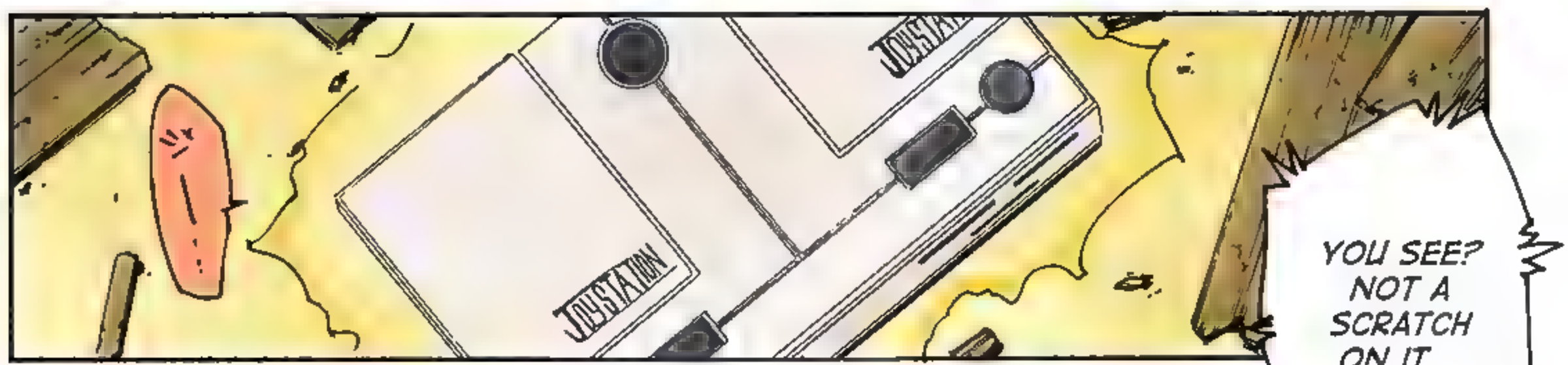
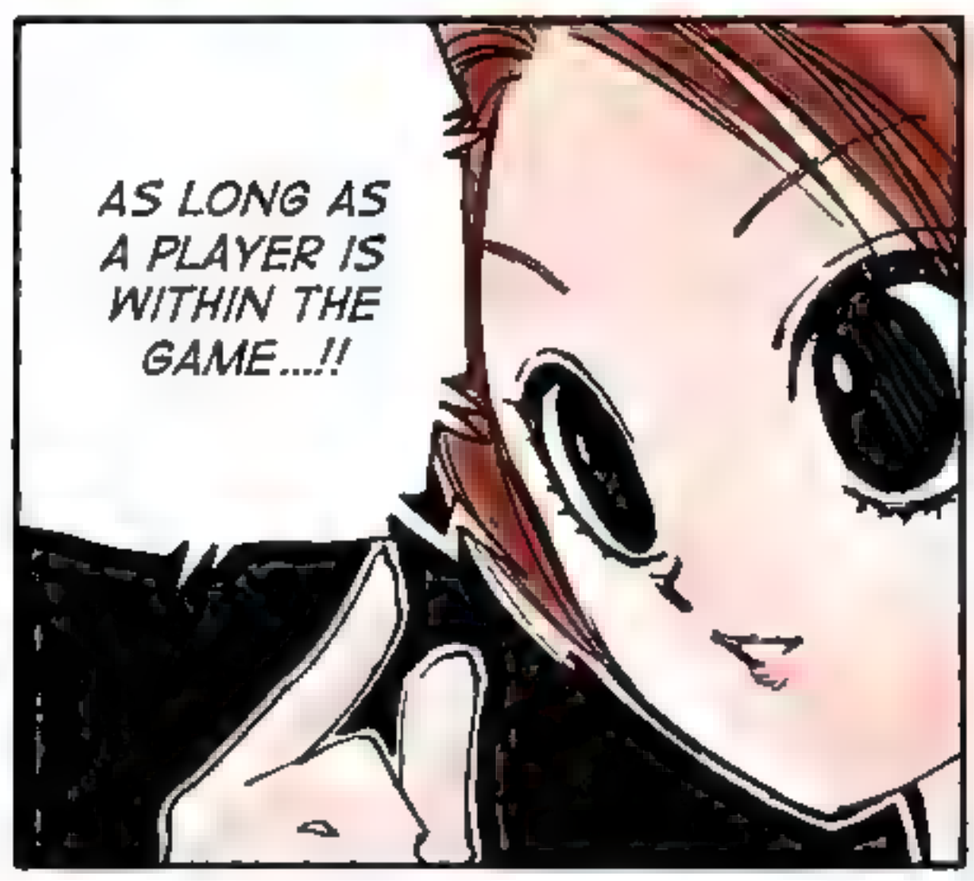
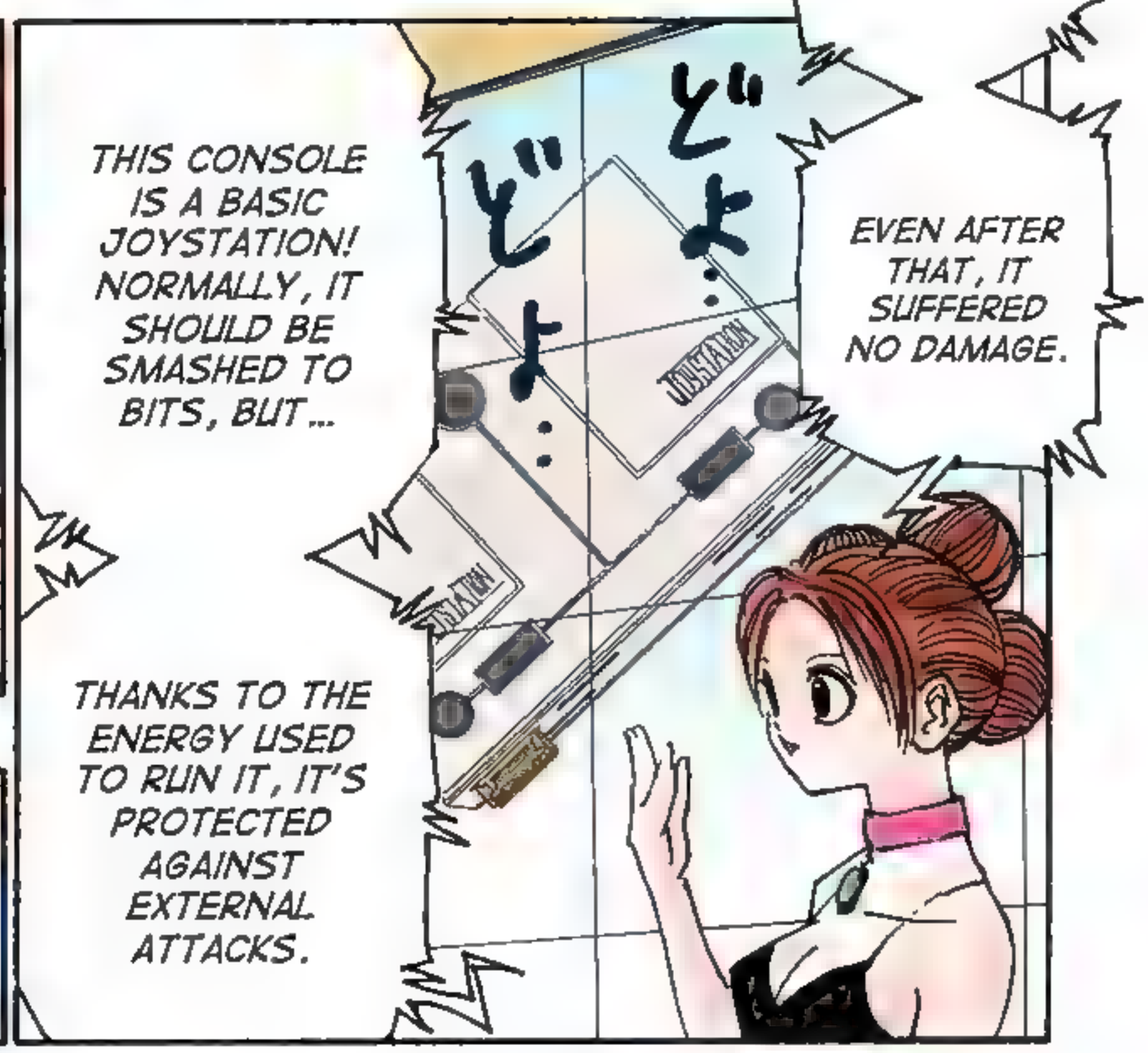



JOYSTATION
JOYSTATION
YOU SEE? NOT A SCRATCH ON IT...


AS LONG AS A PLAYER IS WITHIN THE GAME...!!


THIS CONSOLE IS A BASIC JOYSTATION! NORMALLY, IT SHOULD BE SMASHED TO BITS, BUT...
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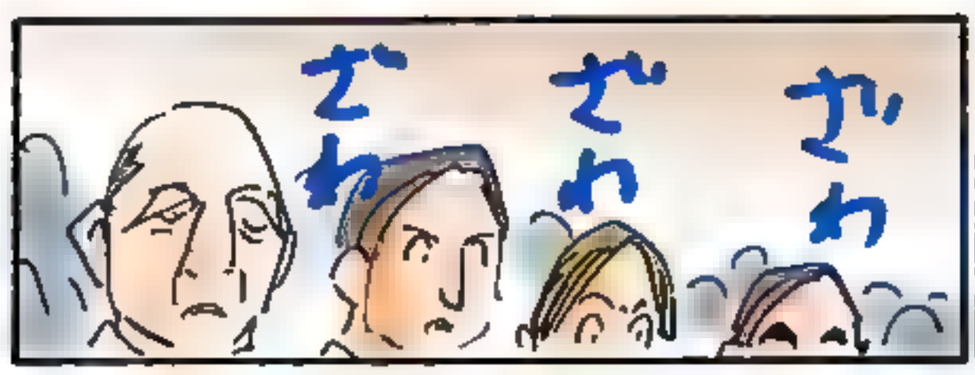
JOYSTATION
EVEN AFTER THAT, IT SUFFERED NO DAMAGE.
THANKS TO THE ENERGY USED TO RUN IT, IT'S PROTECTED AGAINST EXTERNAL ATTACKS.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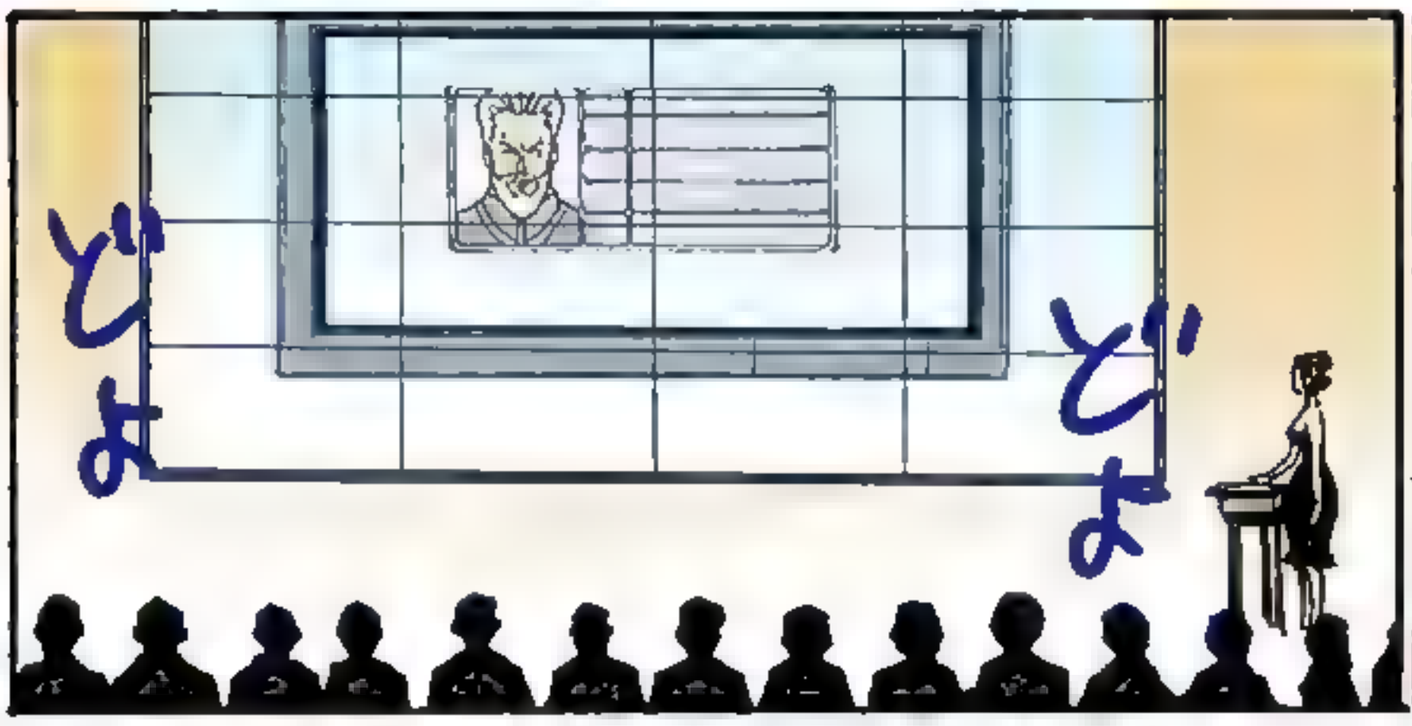
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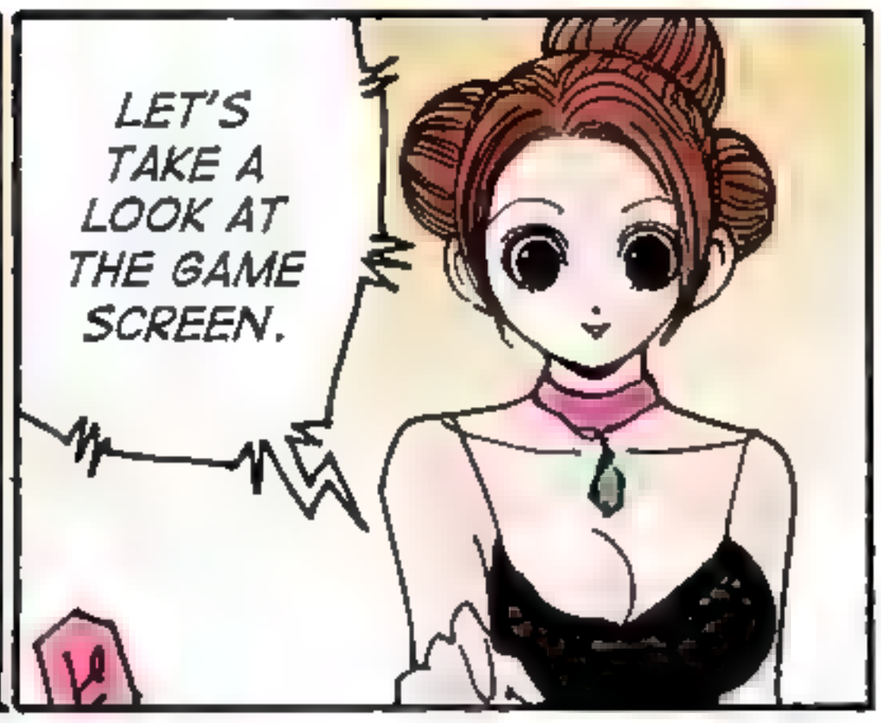
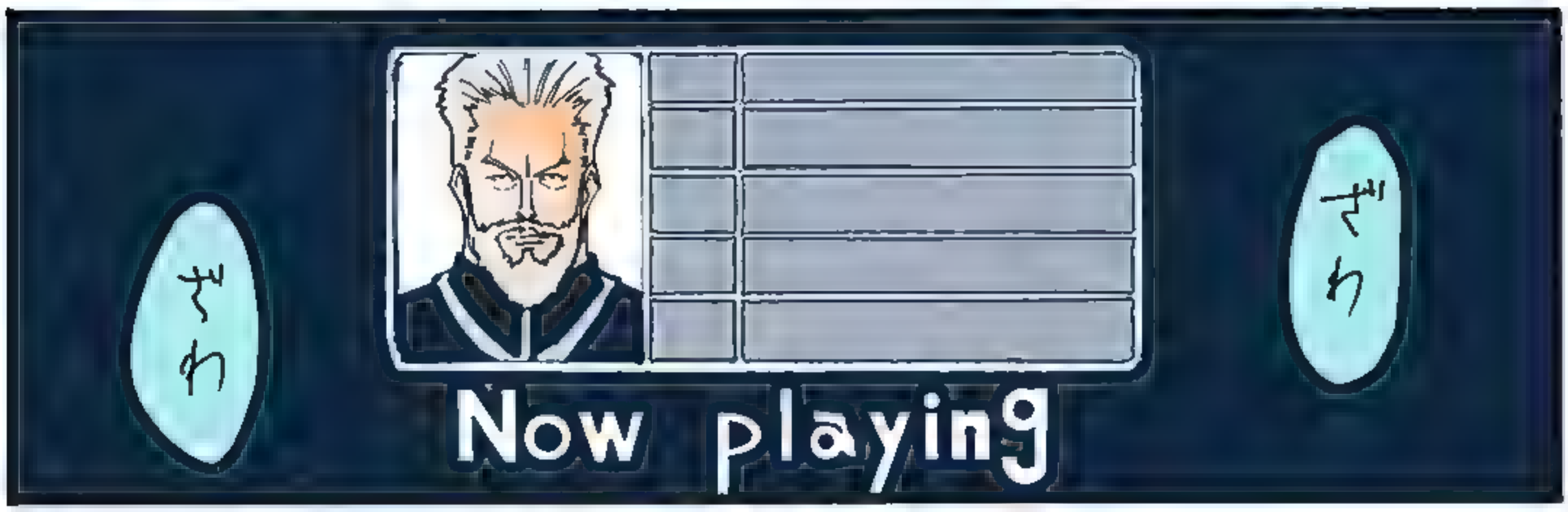

LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT THE GAME SCREEN.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Now playing
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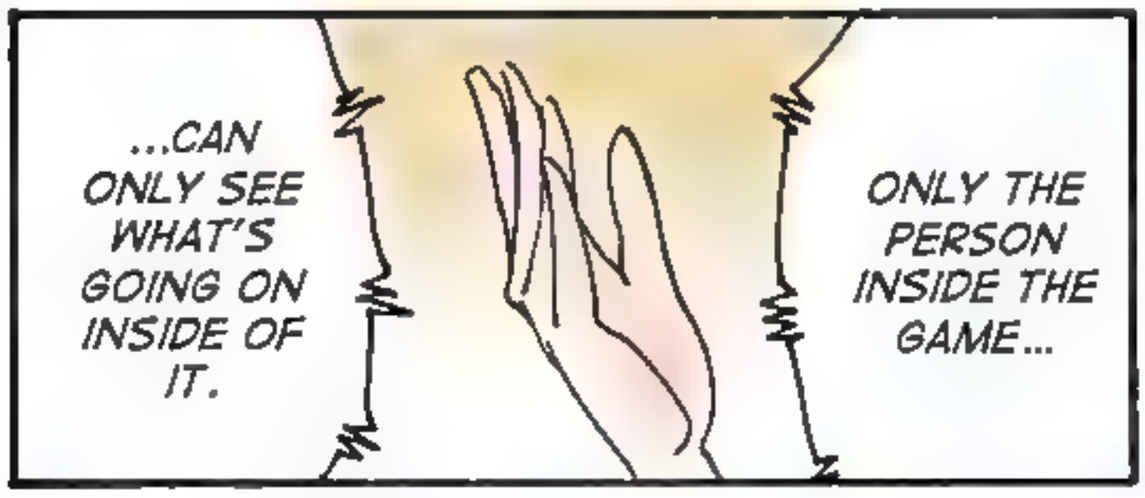
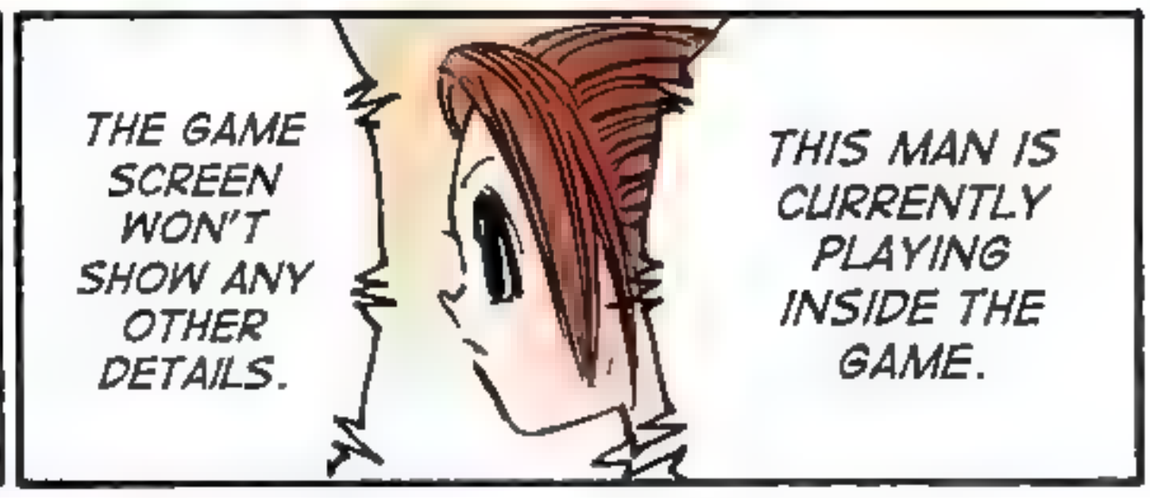
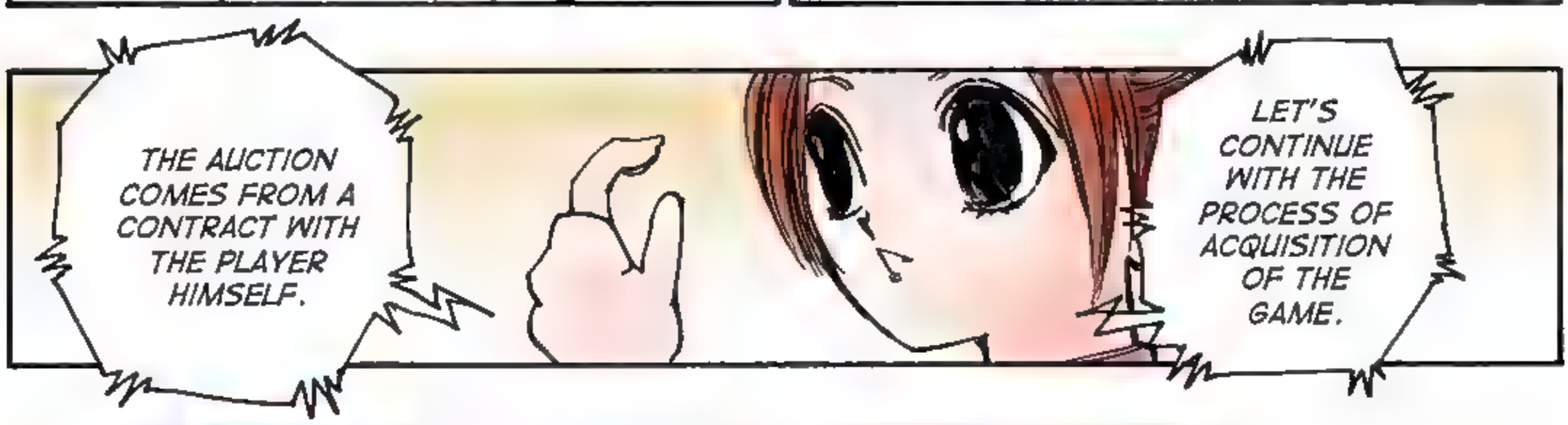

...CAN ONLY SEE WHAT'S GOING ON INSIDE OF IT.
ONLY THE PERSON INSIDE THE GAME...


THE GAME SCREEN WON'T SHOW ANY OTHER DETAILS.
THIS MAN IS CURRENTLY PLAYING INSIDE THE GAME.


THE AUCTION COMES FROM A CONTRACT WITH THE PLAYER HIMSELF.
LET'S CONTINUE WITH THE PROCESS OF ACQUISITION OF THE GAME.

SO IT WASN'T GING WHO BROUGHT THEM HERE...
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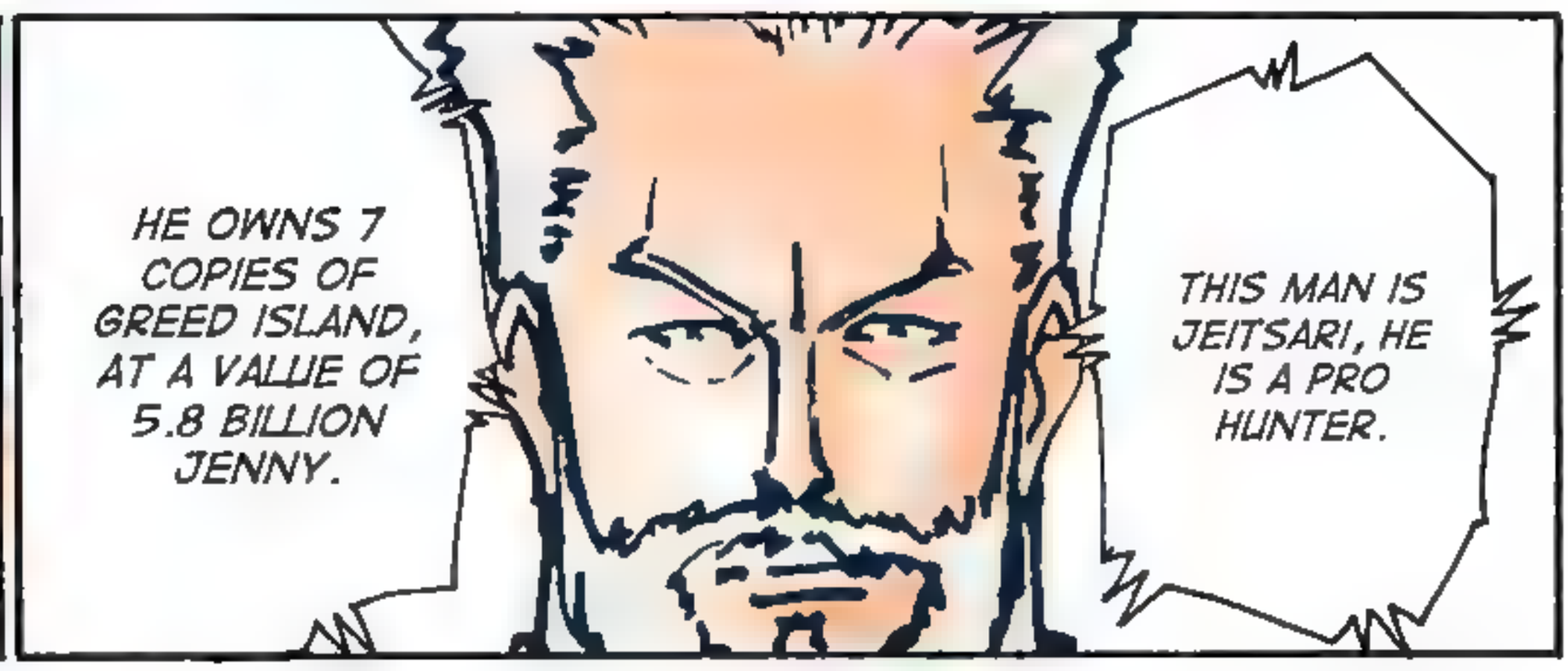
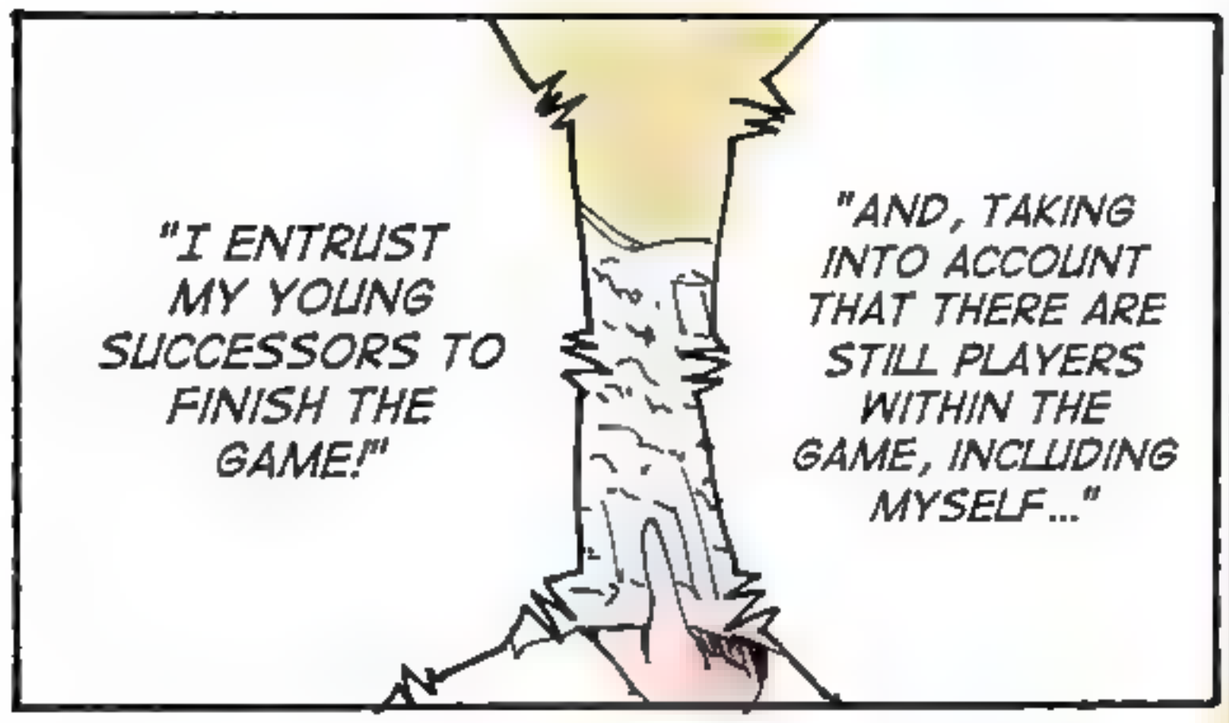
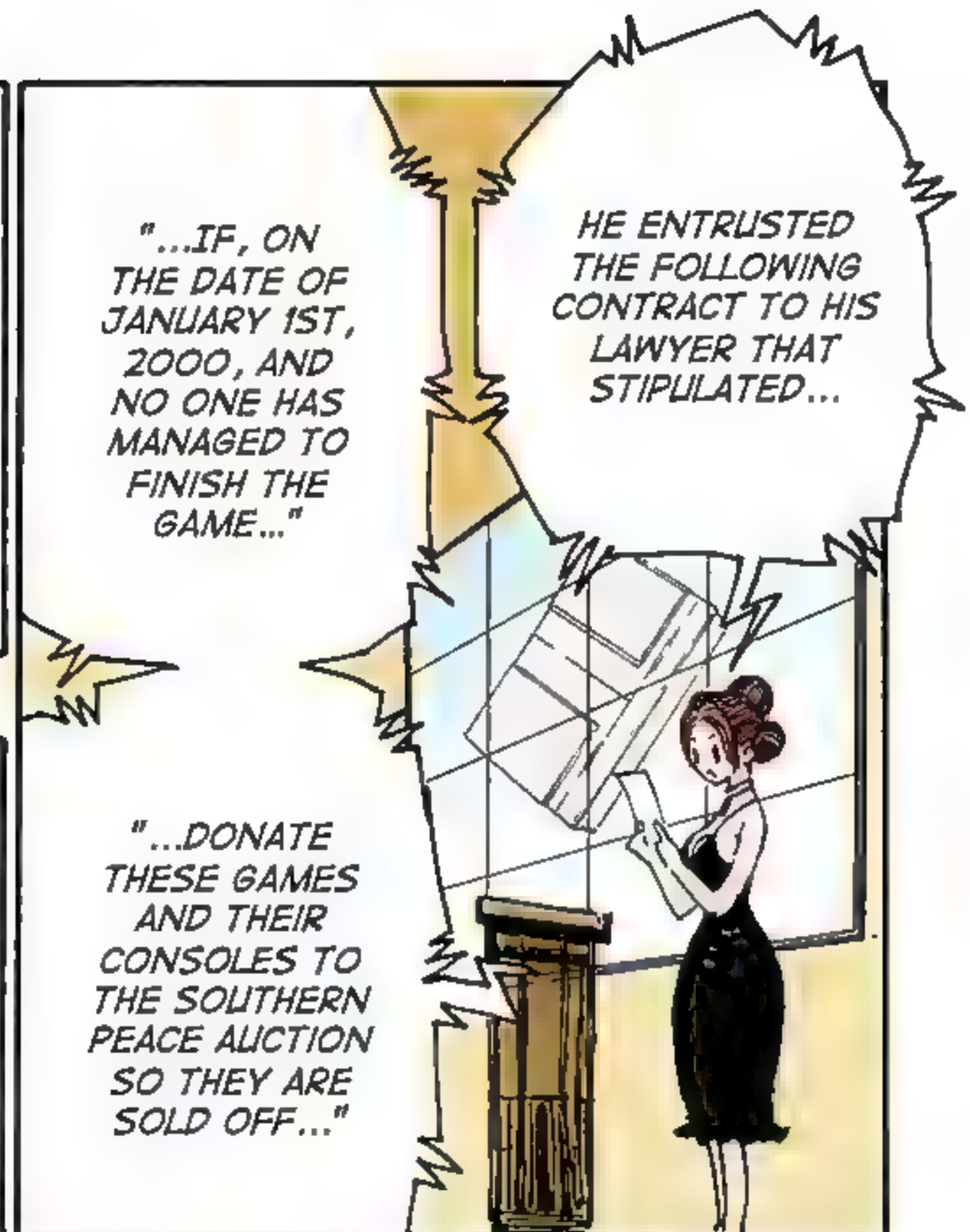
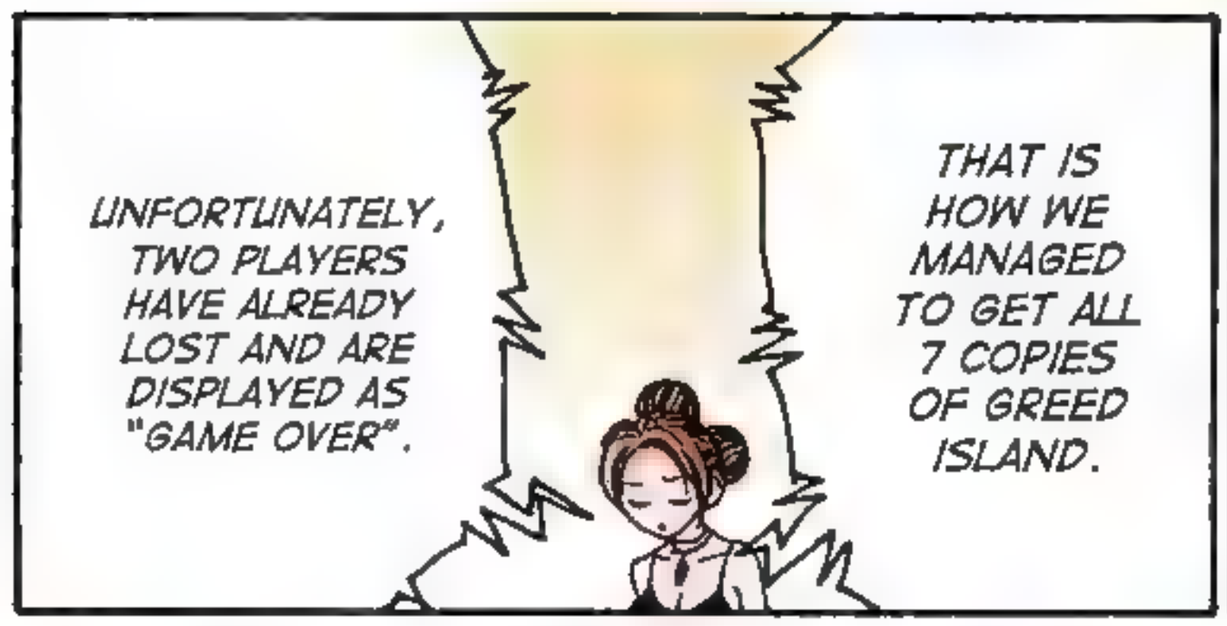
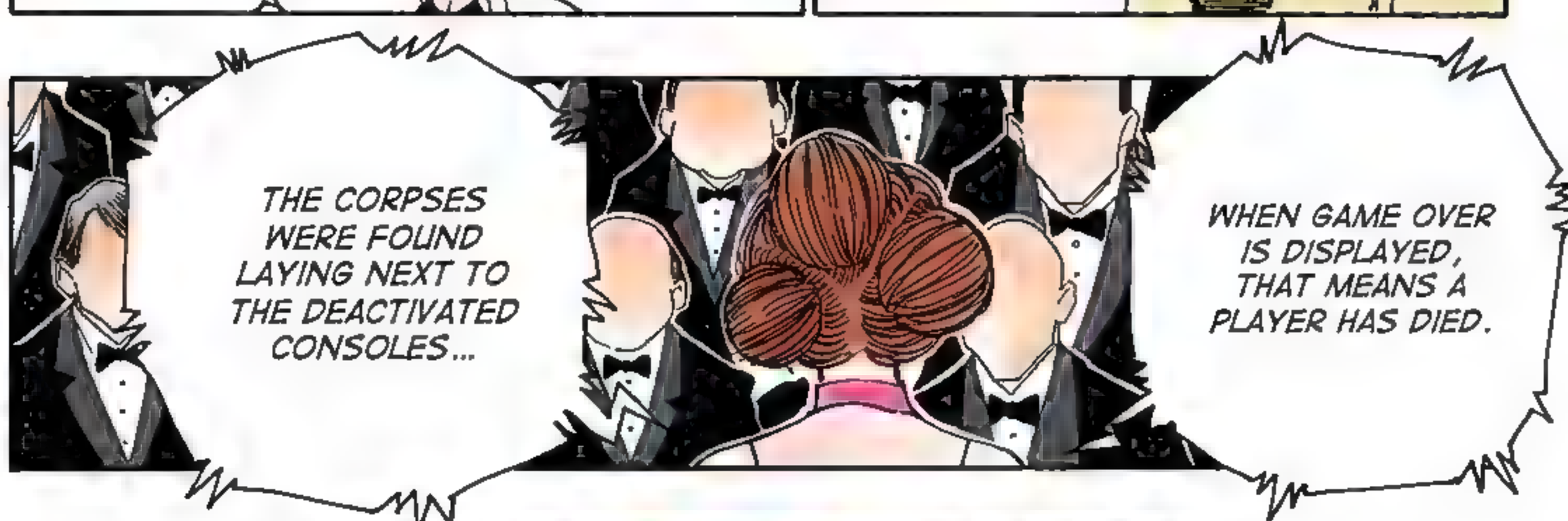
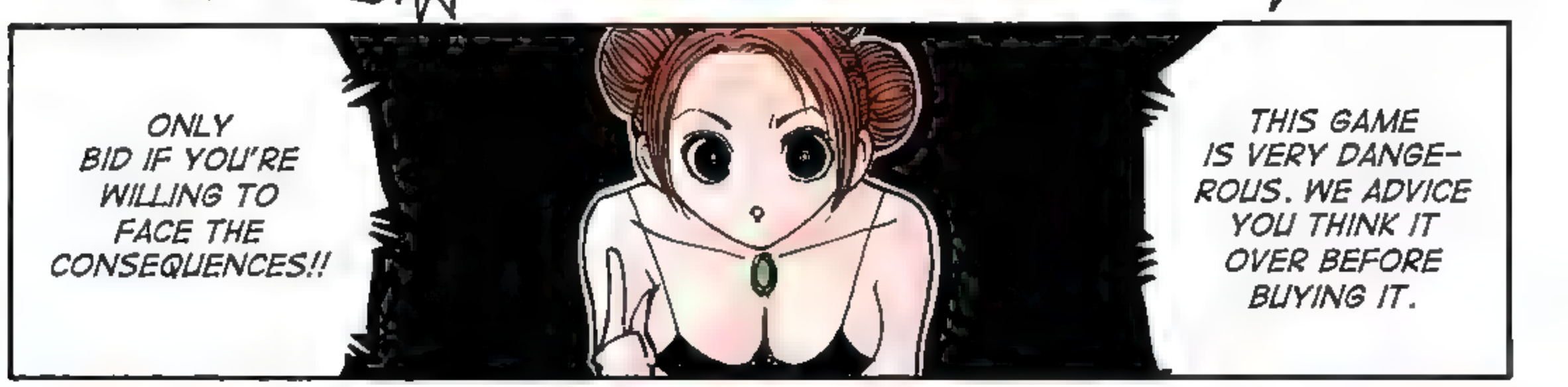

HE OWNS 7 COPIES OF GREED ISLAND, AT A VALUE OF 5.8 BILLION JENNY.
THIS MAN IS JEITSARI, HE IS A PRO HUNTER.


"I ENTRUST MY YOUNG SUCCESSORS TO FINISH THE GAME!"
"AND, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THAT THERE ARE STILL PLAYERS WITHIN THE GAME, INCLUDING MYSELF..."


"...IF, ON THE DATE OF JANUARY 1ST, 2000, AND NO ONE HAS MANAGED TO FINISH THE GAME..."
HE ENTRUSTED THE FOLLOWING CONTRACT TO HIS LAWYER THAT STIPULATED...
"...DONATE THESE GAMES AND THEIR CONSOLES TO THE SOUTHERN PEACE AUCTION SO THEY ARE SOLD OFF..."


UNFORTUNATELY, TWO PLAYERS HAVE ALREADY LOST AND ARE DISPLAYED AS "GAME OVER".
THAT IS HOW WE MANAGED TO GET ALL 7 COPIES OF GREED ISLAND.


THE CORPSES WERE FOUND LAYING NEXT TO THE DEACTIVATED CONSOLES...
WHEN GAME OVER IS DISPLAYED, THAT MEANS A PLAYER HAS DIED.

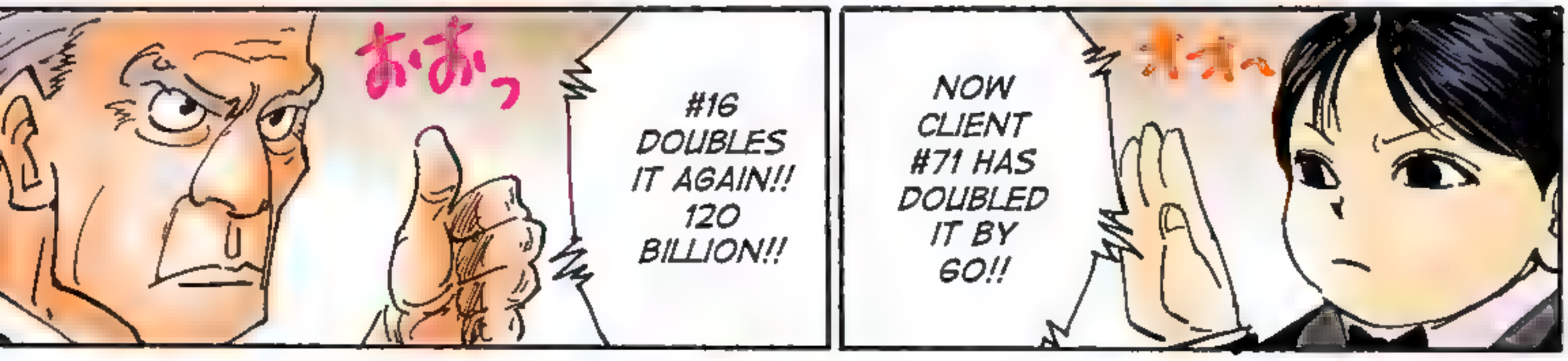

ONLY BID IF YOU'RE WILLING TO FACE THE CONSEQUENCES!!
THIS GAME IS VERY DANGE-ROUS. WE ADVICE YOU THINK IT OVER BEFORE BUYING IT.

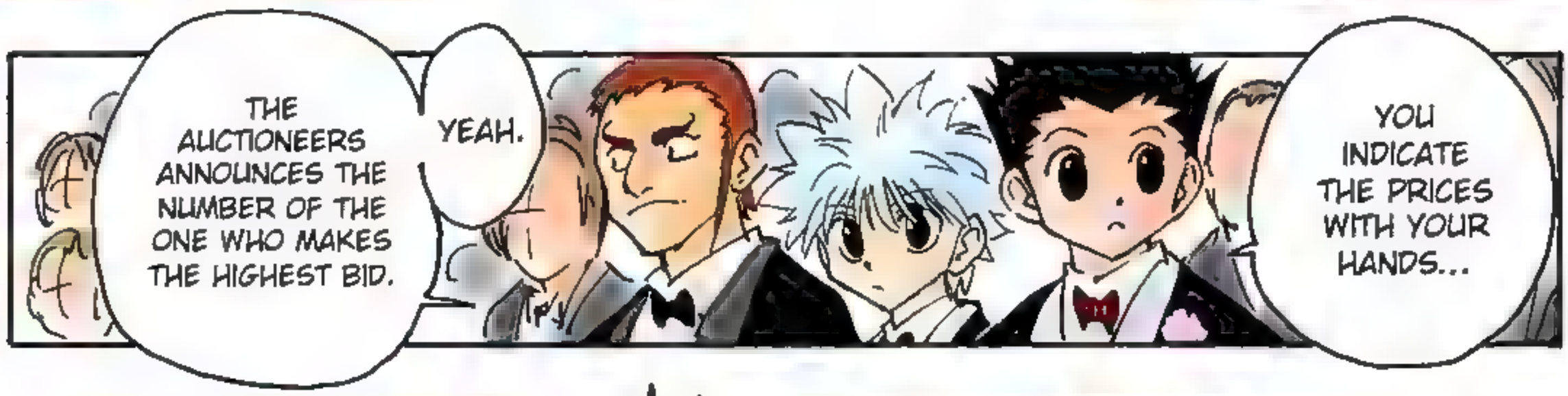
ONE BILLION JENNY!!
LET'S START OFF WITH THE BIDDING...

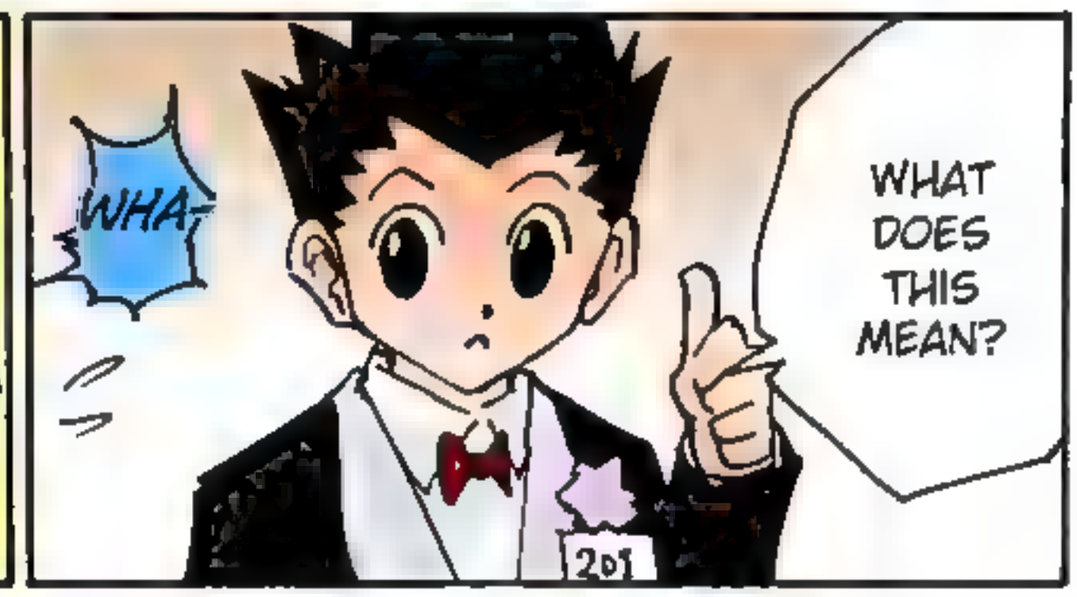
15 BILLION!!

I SEE 11 BILLION!!

CLIENT #105 DOUBLES IT TO 30 BILLION!!







WORST CASE SCENARIO, WE'LL BE ACCUSED OF FRAUDULENT PARTICIPATION AND MALICIOUS INTERFERENCE, AND GO TO JAIL...

IF THE AUCTION ENDS AT THAT PRICE, AND IT'S DISCOVERED WE HAVE NO MONEY ON US...

WHAT?!

NO HIGHER BIDS?

OH NO!! WHAT SHOULD I DO?!

ONCE YOU'VE BEEN CALLED, THERE'S NO GOING BACK!! A SIMPLE "IT WAS A MISTAKE." WON'T CHANGE IT!!

YOU IDIOT!! YOU JUST DOUBLED THE LAST BID!!

#16 BIDS 250 MILLION!!

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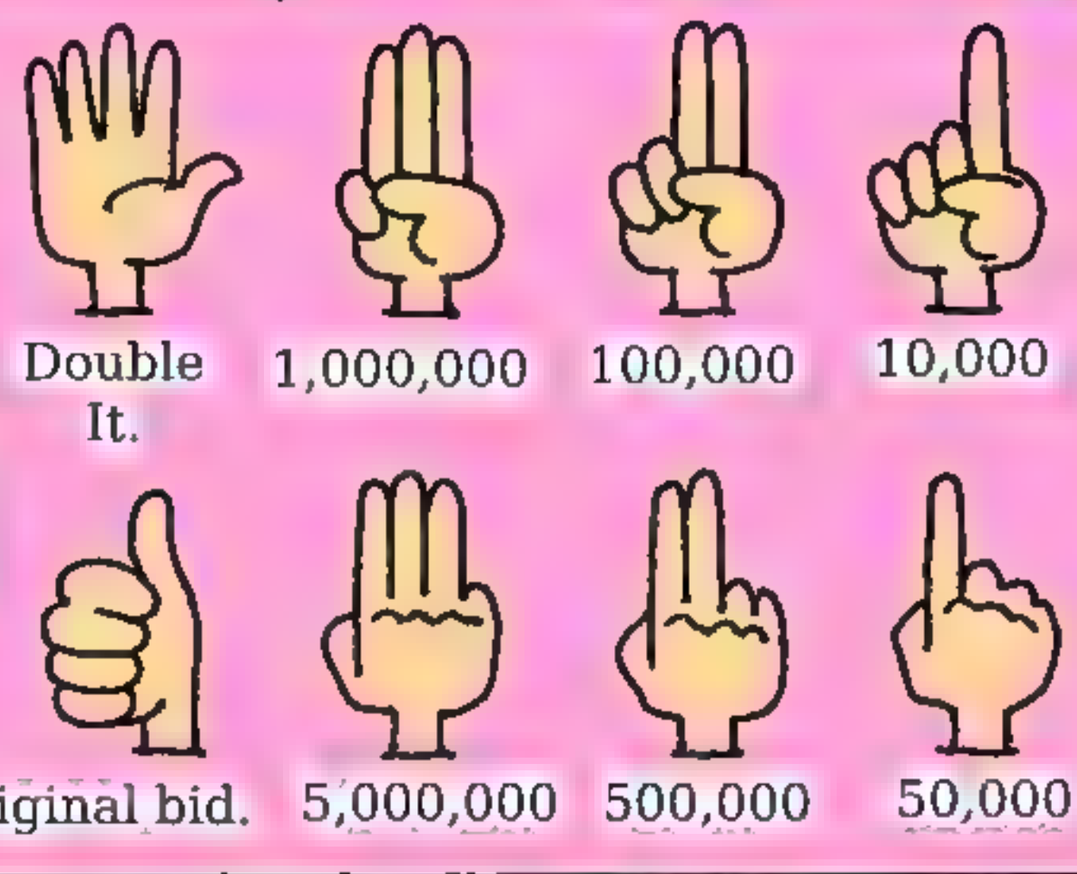
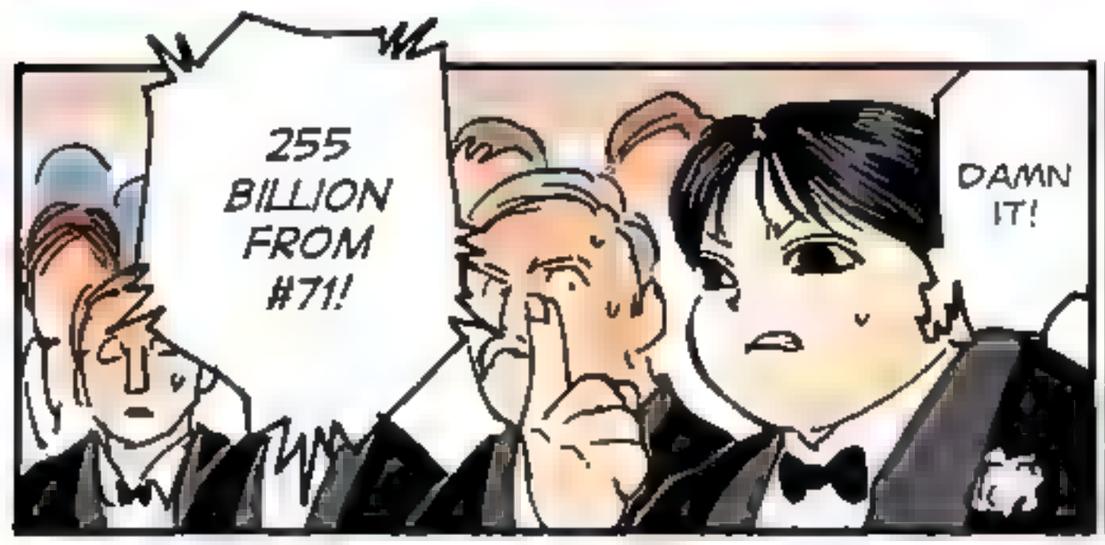
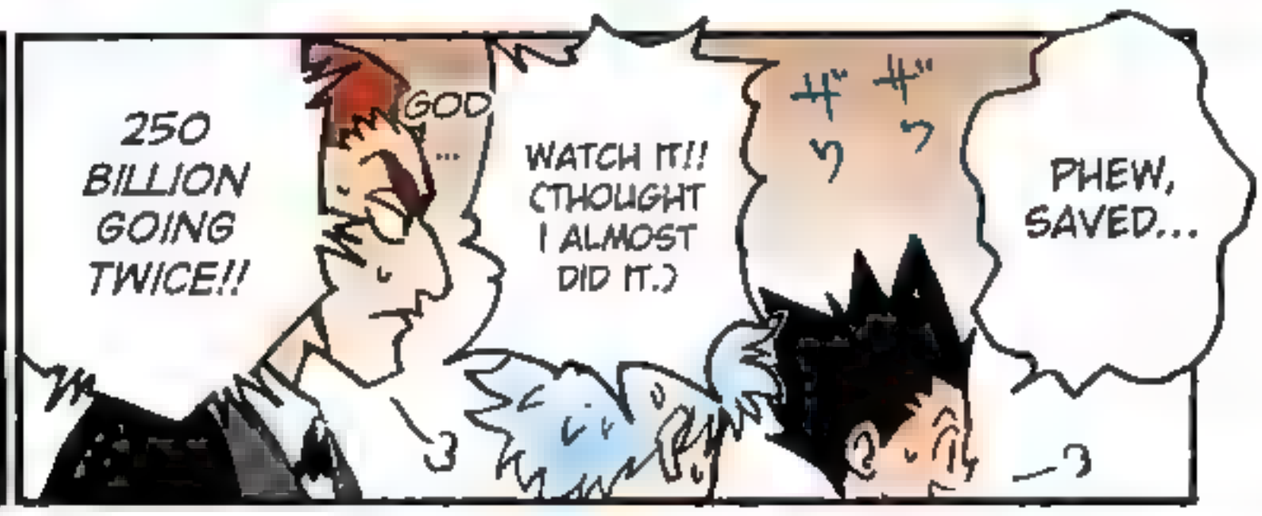
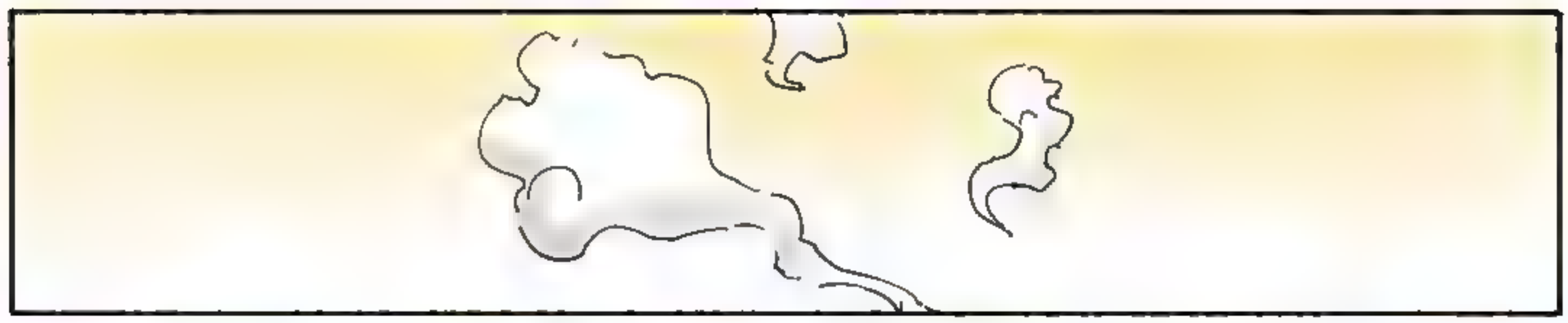
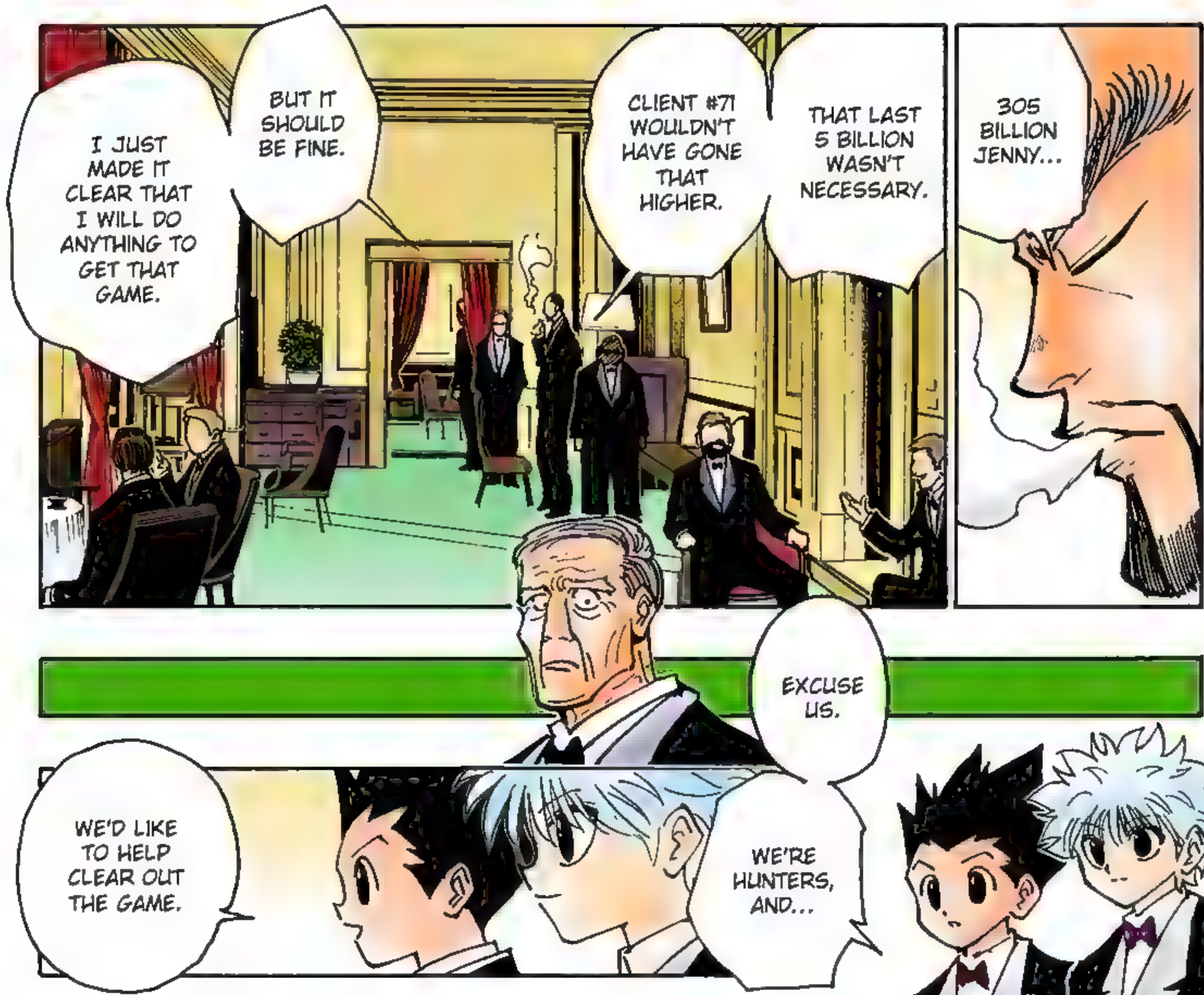


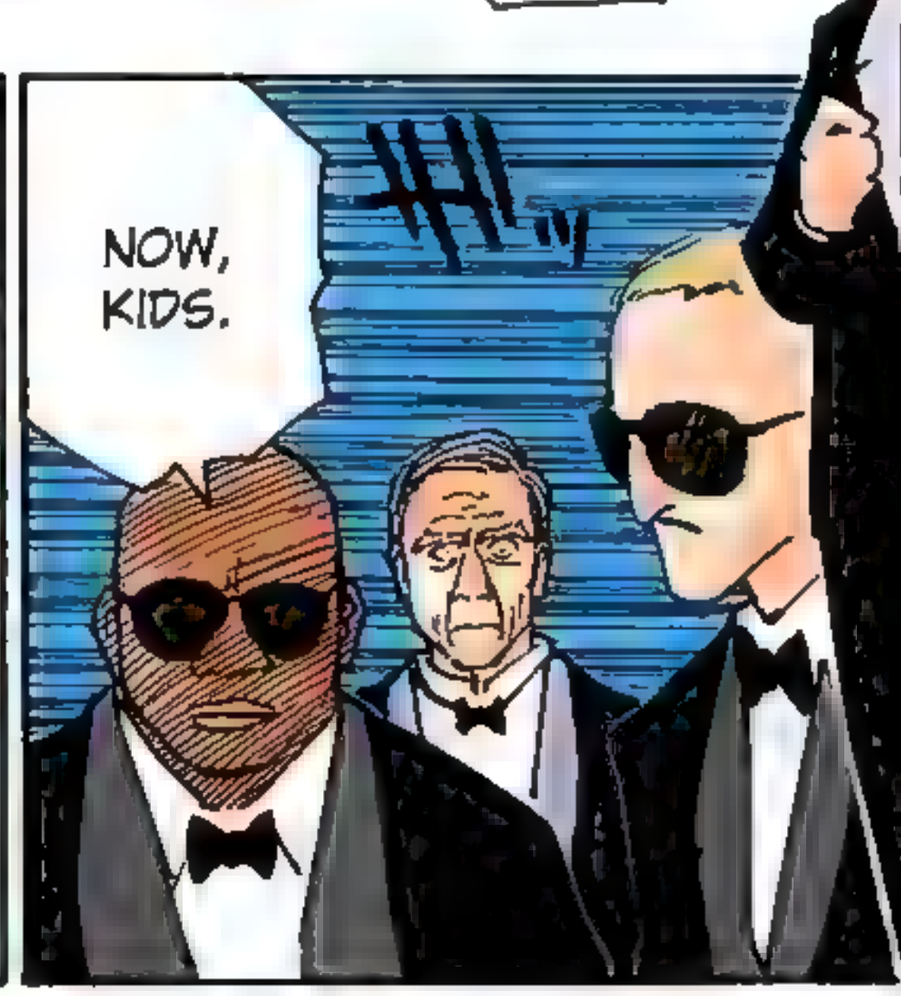




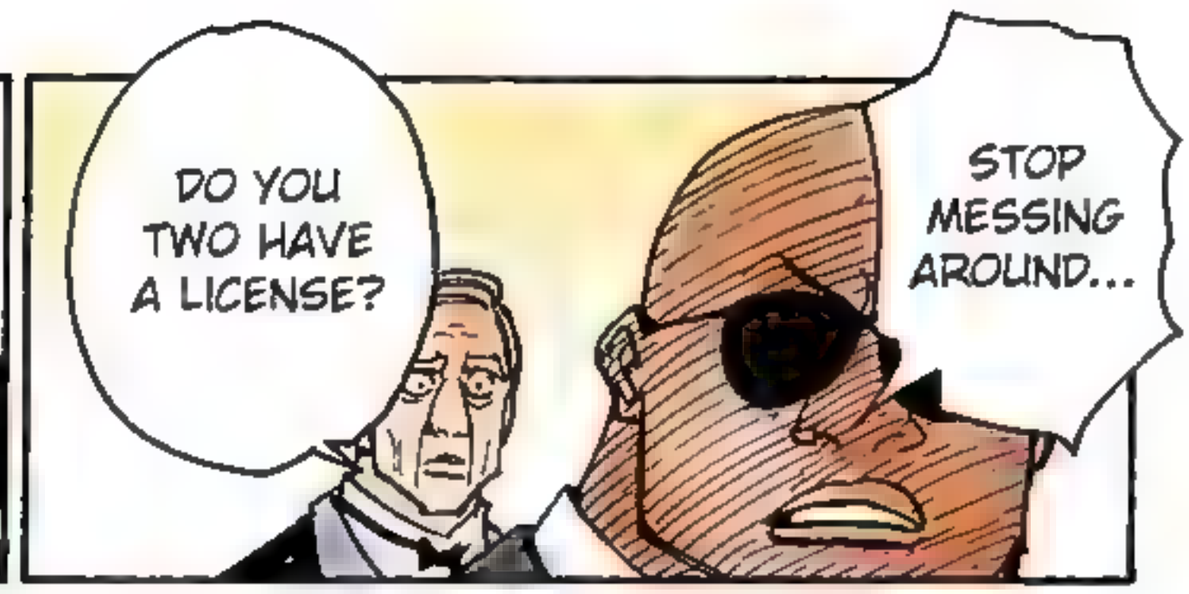


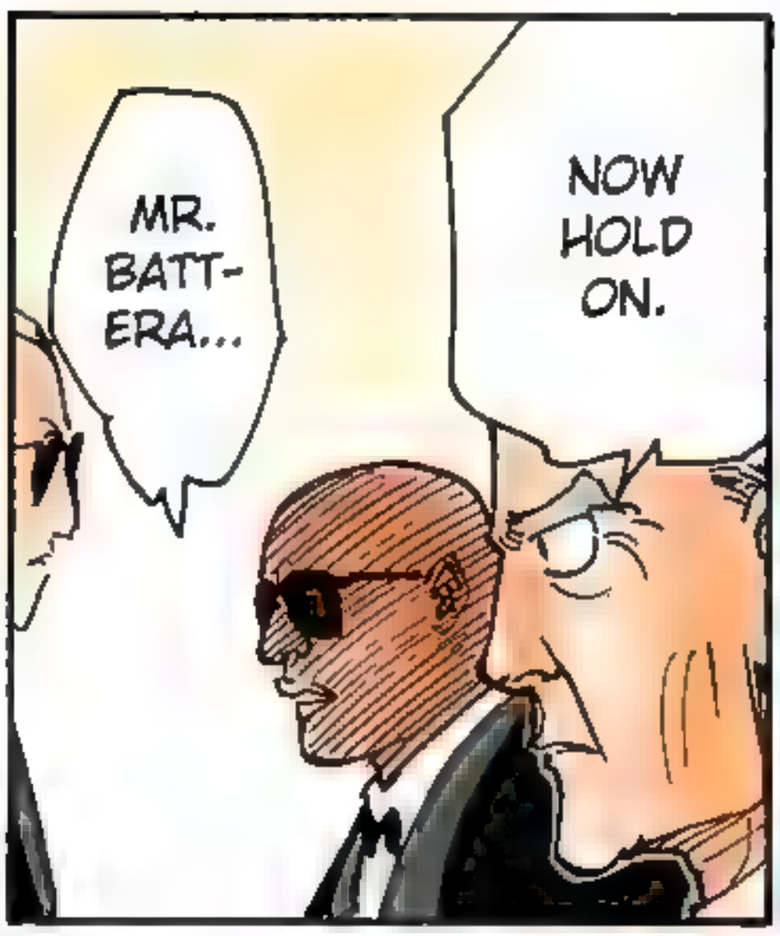

I JUST MADE IT CLEAR THAT I WILL DO ANYTHING TO GET THAT GAME.
BUT IT SHOULD BE FINE.
CLIENT #71 WOULDN'T HAVE GONE THAT HIGHER.
THAT LAST 5 BILLION WASN'T NECESSARY.
305 BILLION JENNY...
EXCUSE US.
WE'D LIKE TO HELP CLEAR OUT THE GAME.
WE'RE HUNTERS, AND...

BUT WE'RE SERIOUS ABOUT THIS!! WE'RE PRO HUNTERS!!
MR.BATTERA IS A VERY BUSY MAN, YOU TWO.

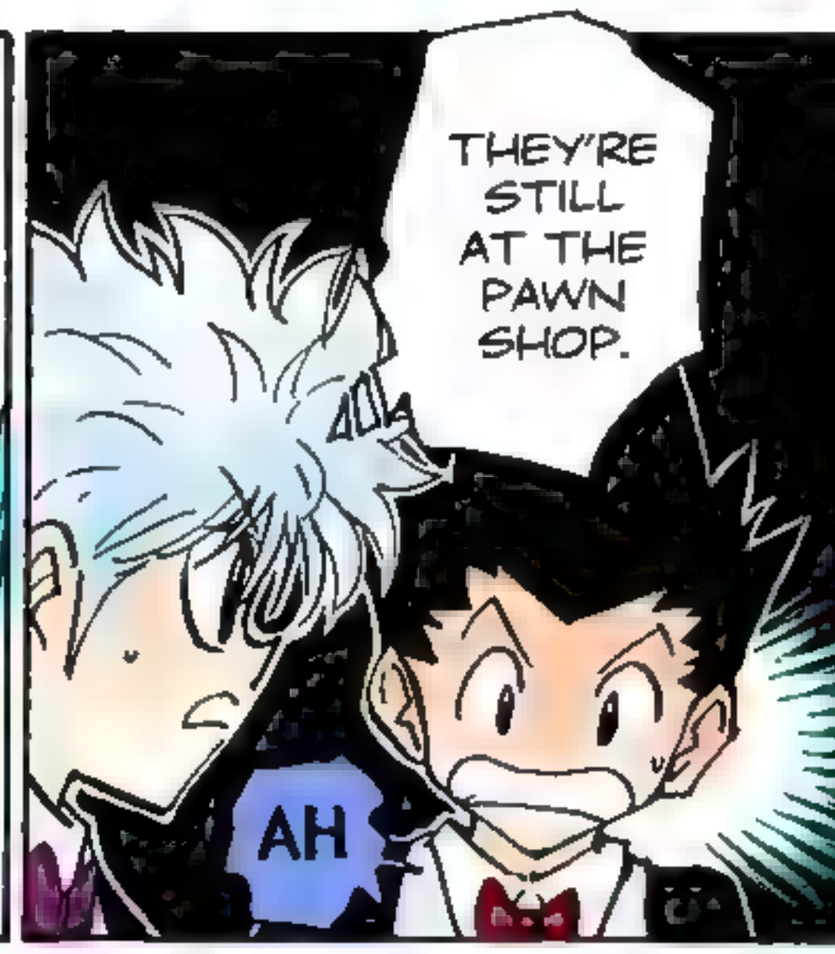

NOW, KIDS.

NO WE DON'T.
YES WE DO!


DO YOU TWO HAVE A LICENSE?
STOP MESSING AROUND...


MR. BATT-ERA...
NOW HOLD ON.

I KNEW IT!! YOU KIDS WERE LYING!!
ERR, WELL...
NOW WE AREN'T, WE SWEAR!!


THEY'RE STILL AT THE PAWN SHOP.
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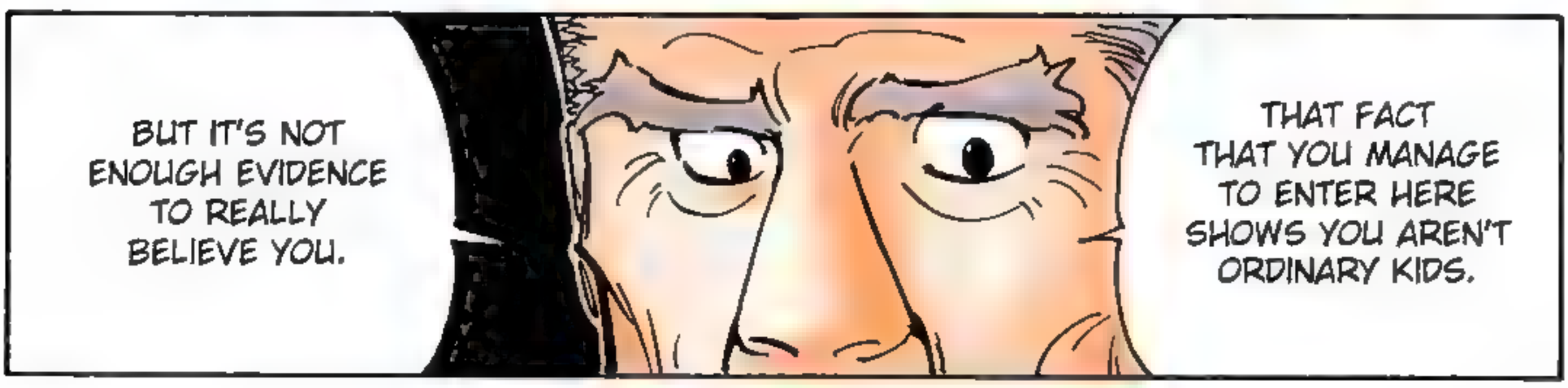

BUT IT'S NOT ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO REALLY BELIEVE YOU.
THAT FACT THAT YOU MANAGE TO ENTER HERE SHOWS YOU AREN'T ORDINARY KIDS.

WE DON'T NEED THE CARTRIDGE JUST THE INFORMATION INSIDE OF IT.
I DON'T THINK WE EVEN NEED TO CARE ABOUT BUYING THE GAME.
I THOUGHT THIS WOULD WORK...
SO WE FAILED

SO WE CAN BE SURE THAT HE WILL BE IN THE AUCTION AND LOOKING FOR PLAYERS, TOO.
I REMEMBER READING THAT MR.BATTERA WILL BE OFFERING A HUGE REWARD TO THOSE WHO CLEAR THE GAME.

THE NUMBER OF PLAYERS IS LIMITED.
NOW I KNOW I EMPLOY PRO HUNTERS TO CLEAR THE GAME, BUT I HAVE A STRICT PROCESS FOR SELECTING THOSE WHO WANT TO JOIN IN ON THE CAUSE.
SORRY, BUT I AM UNABLE TO EMPLOY YOU KIDS.

ON A CARD, THE DATA OF ONLY ONE PLAYER CAN BE SAVED.

THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IS UNLIMITED, YES, BUT YOU NEED TO HAVE A SAVED GAME DATA, CORRECT? FOR THAT, A MEMORY CARD IS NEEDED.

NOT COUNTING THE SAVE, EACH CONSOLE ALLOWS 8 PLAYERS.

YEAH...

BUT I READ IN THE CATALOG THAT IT SAID IT WAS UNLIMITED.

THE NUMBER OF PLAYERS IS LIMITED...?

HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT?

SAY...

!!

ACTUALLY, WE OWN A SAVED FILE OF GREED ISLAND.

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, THE 30 FILES OF THE MEMORY CARD WERE ONLY READABLE ON GREED ISLAND.

ARE THEY TELLING THE TRUTH...? IN THAT CASE THEN THEY MUST...

.....

WE ONLY HAVE THE SAVED DATA.

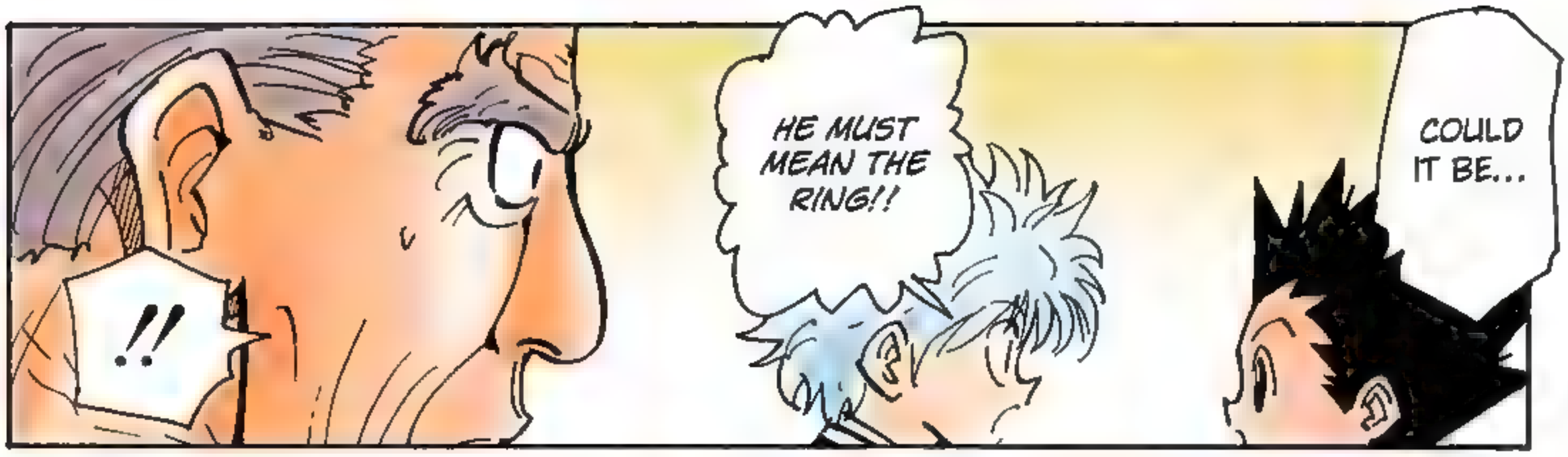
NO.

Y-YOU'VE PLAYED IT BEFORE?!

THIS CARD IS AUTHENTIC, YOU MUST ALSO HAVE ANOTHER OBJECT TO REMOVE IT.

IF SO...

THEN I'M GUESSING YOU KIDS SAW THE ENERGY SURROUNDED ALL AROUND THE CONSOLE RIGHT? BUT ALSO FAILED TO TURN OFF THE GAME OR TAKE THE MEMORY CARD OUT...? (THOUGH YOU CAN ALWAYS ADD MORE CARDS...)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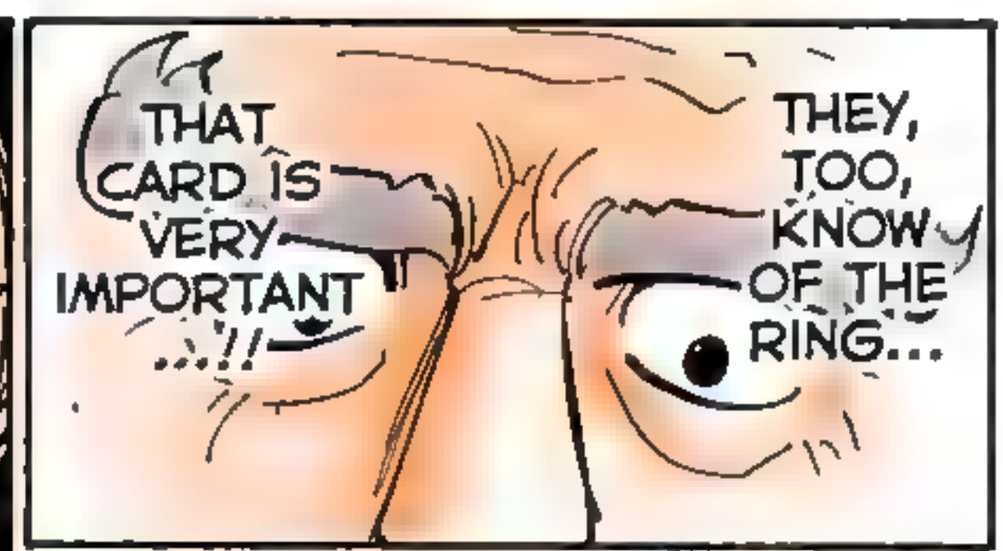
HE MUST MEAN THE RING!!
COULD IT BE...

I WANT YOU TO SHOW ME YOUR REN.
YOU KNOW HOW TO USE NEN RIGHT?


THAT CARD IS VERY IMPORTANT...!!
THEY, TOO, KNOW OF THE RING...

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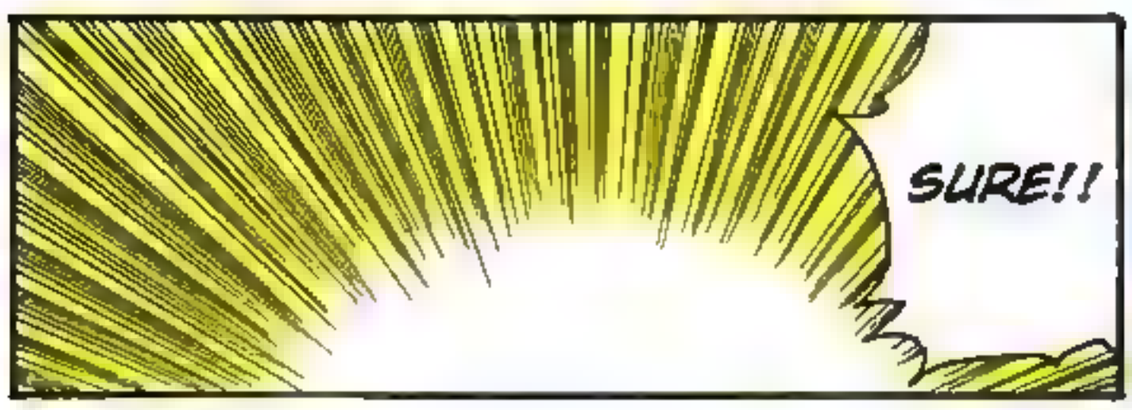
THAT THESE BOYS DO QUALIFY FOR THIS TASK.
IT SEEMS...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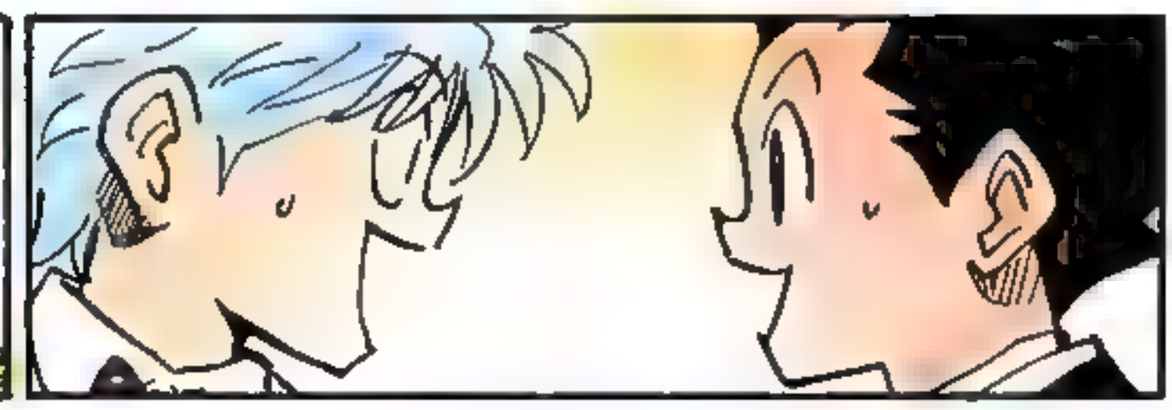

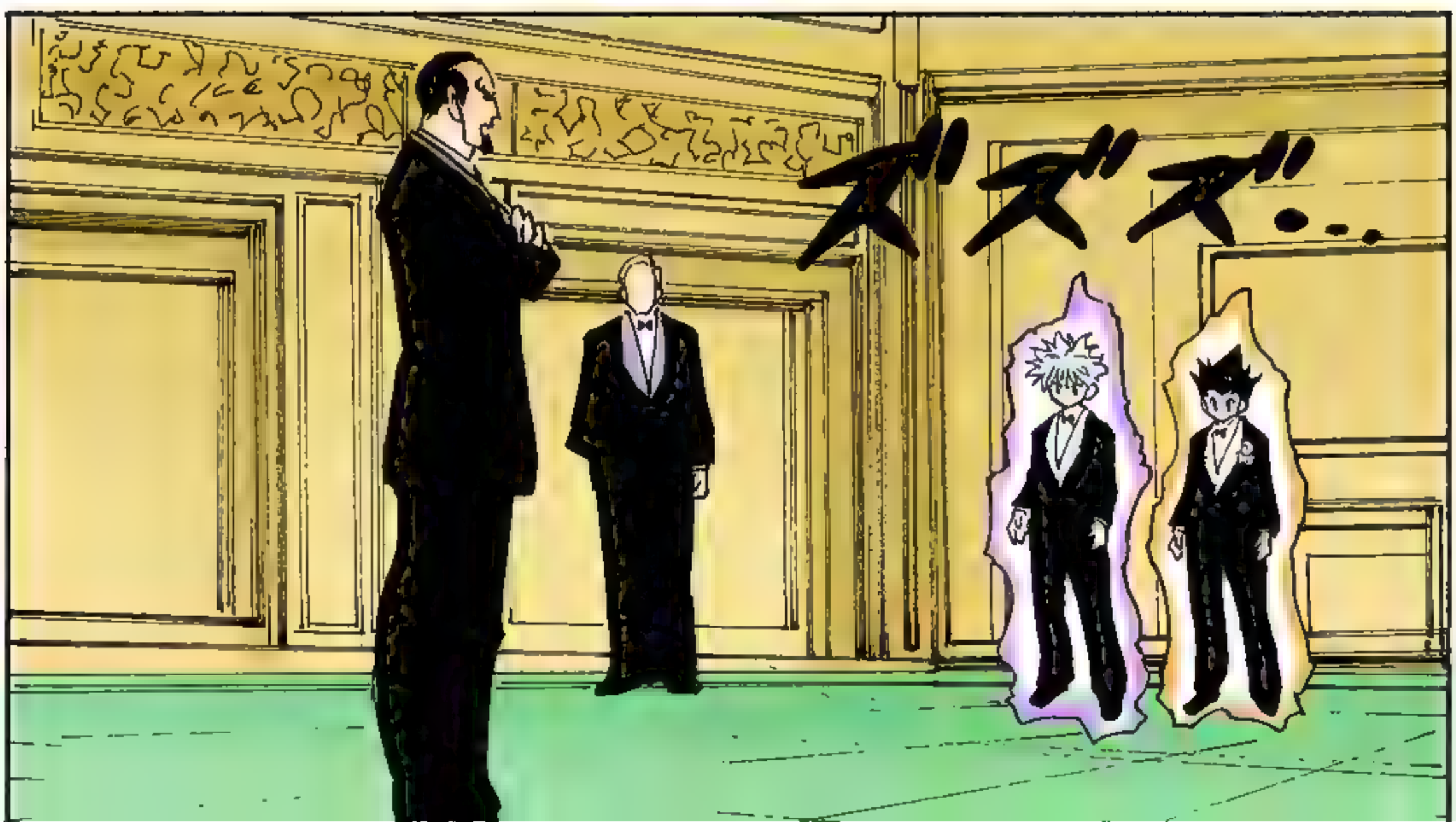
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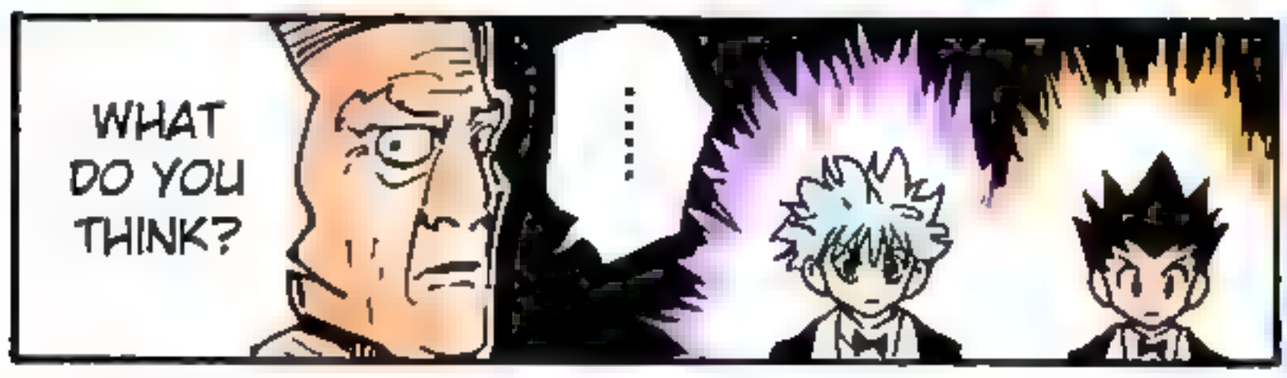
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
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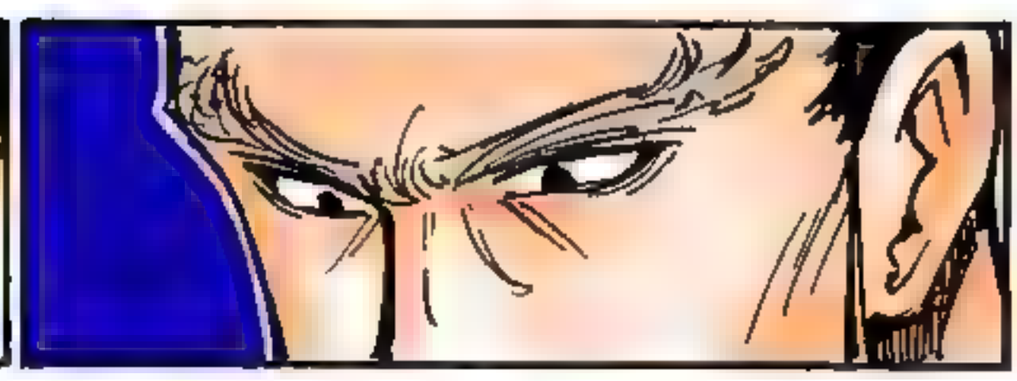
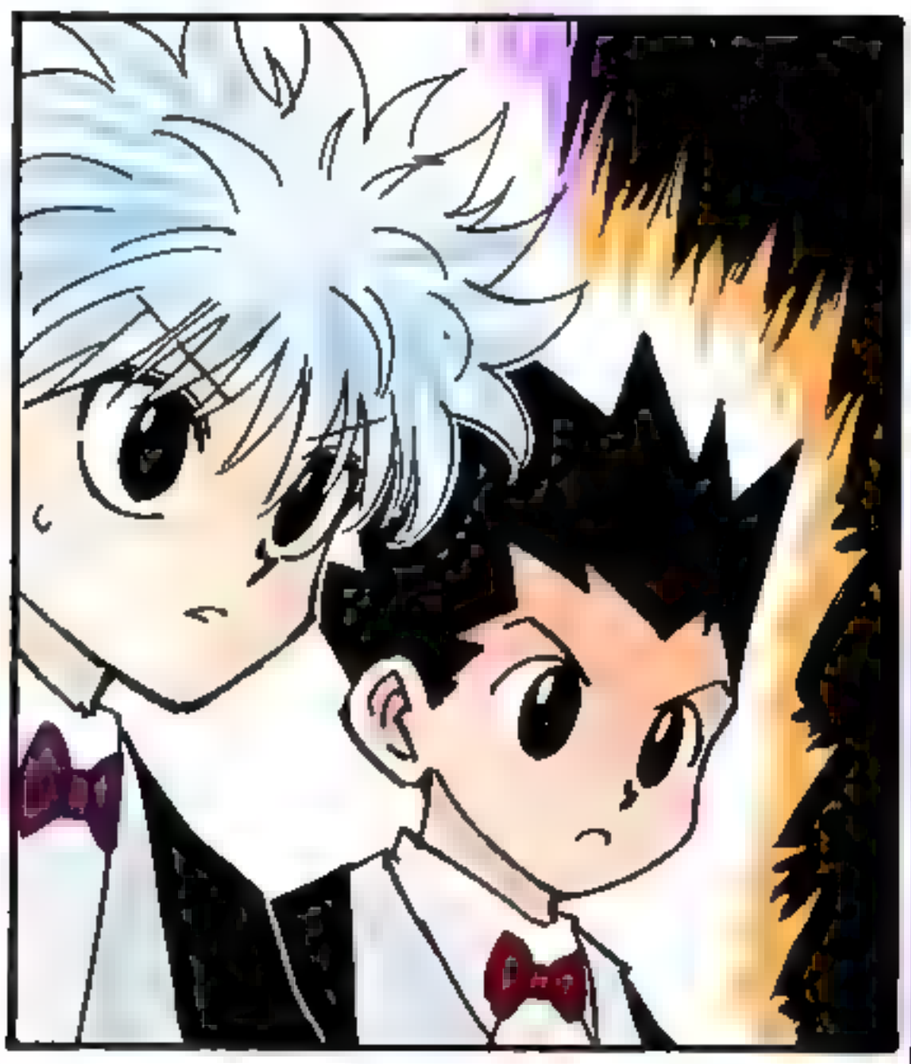
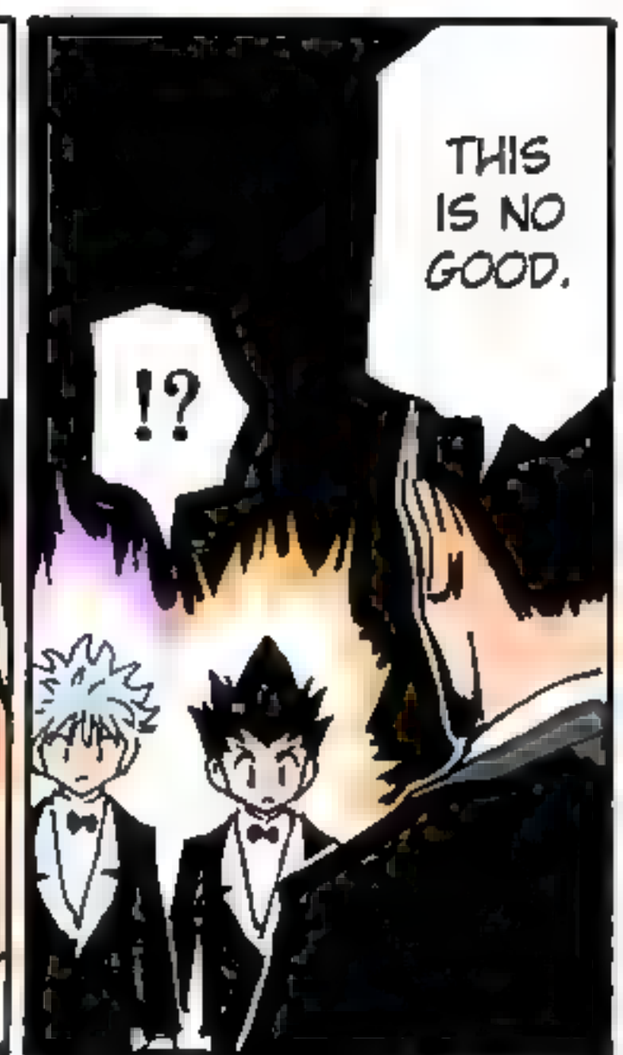




...THEY WOULD ONLY END UP DEAD.
IF THESE TWO PLAYED...


THIS IS NO GOOD.
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LETTING THESE TWO PLAY WOULD BE POINTLESS.

THESE TWO WOULD ONLY END UP DEAD.

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AS LONG AS A PLAYER IS ACTIVE IN THE GAME, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO RESET OR REMOVE THE MEMORY CARD.

IN OTHER WORDS, AS LONG AS THE PLAYER IS IN THE GAME, WE CAN'T ENTER AS A NEW PLAYER, NOR INSERT A NEW CARD.

IF YOU WOULD GO ANY LONGER, IT WOULD ONLY BE A BOTHER.

STILL, YOUR DEATH WOULD BE A POSITIVE VIEW...

?

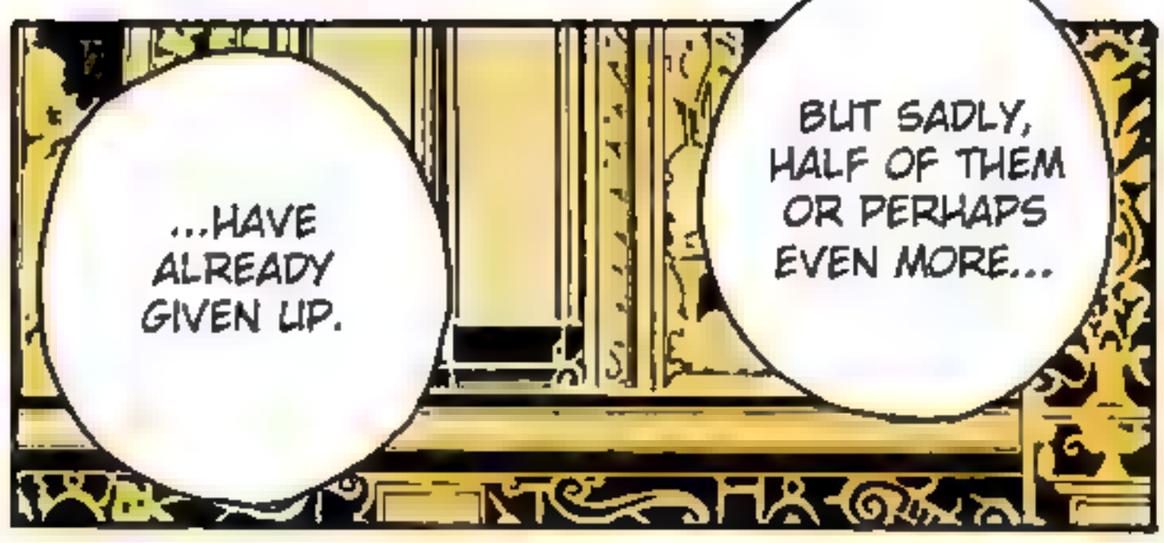
IF YOU TRY, IT'LL BE TOO LATE FOR YOU.

HOW CAN YOU BE SO SURE ABOUT THAT?!

PLAYERS WITHOUT A MEMORY CARD WILL SURELY LOSE THEIR PLAY DATA WHEN THEY COME BACK TO THE REAL WORLD.

EXAC-TLY.

YOU MEAN WE CAN'T SAVE?


...HAVE ALREADY GIVEN UP.
BUT SADLY, HALF OF THEM OR PERHAPS EVEN MORE...

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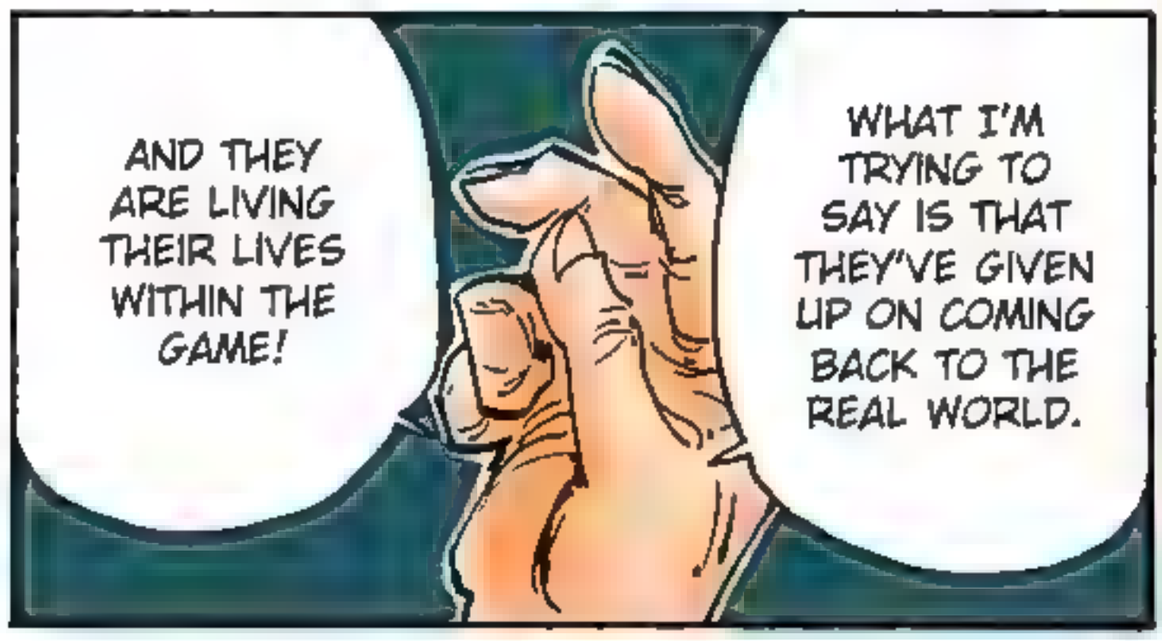
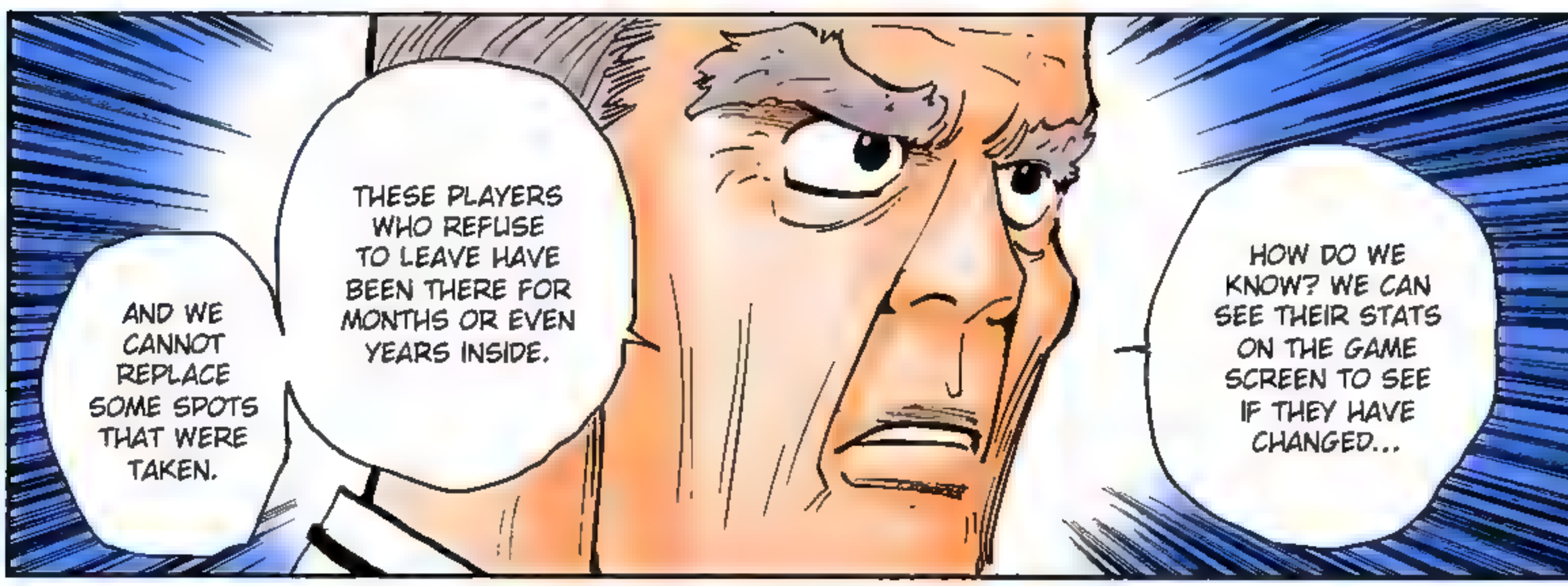
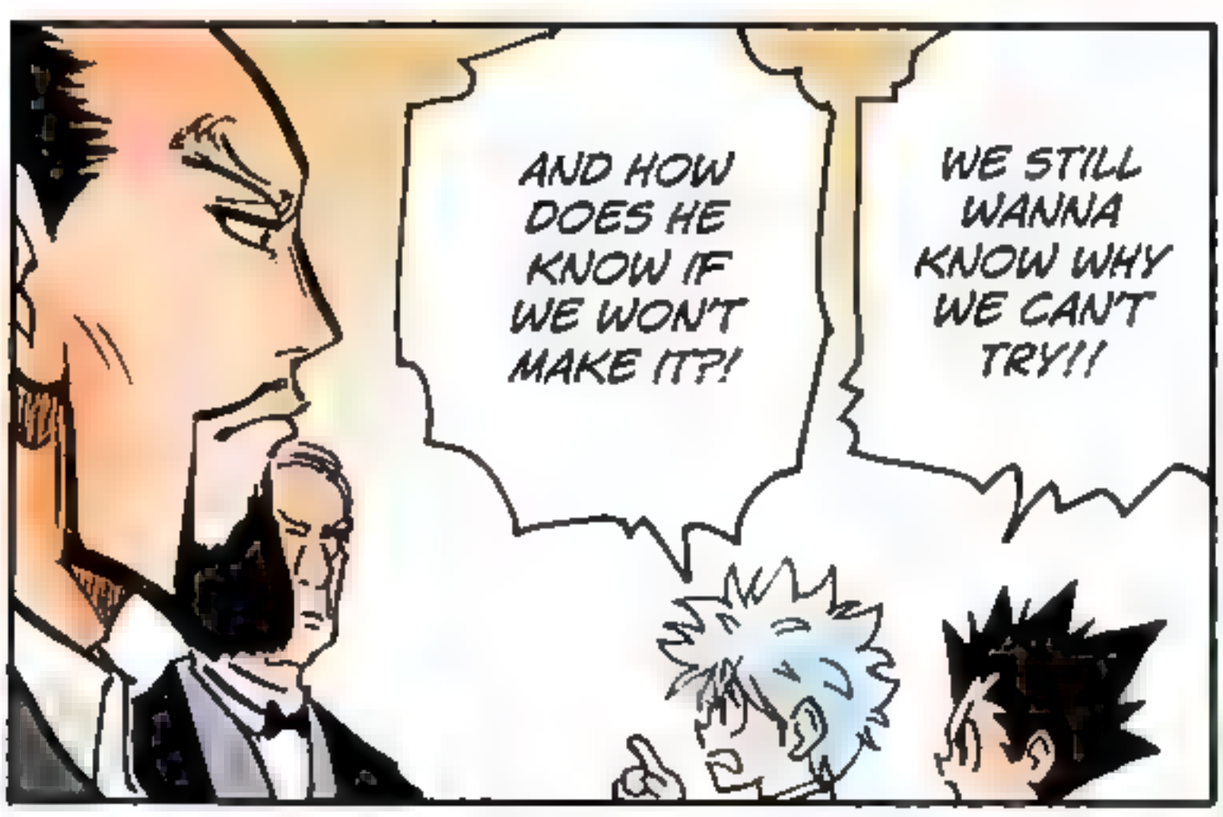

AND THEY ARE LIVING THEIR LIVES WITHIN THE GAME!
WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS THAT THEY'VE GIVEN UP ON COMING BACK TO THE REAL WORLD.

COUNTING WHAT I ACQUIRED TODAY, I OWN 32 COPIES OF GREED ISLAND.
THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE I HAVE EMPLOYED, INCLUDING PRO AND AMATEUR HUNTERS, IS AROUND 100.

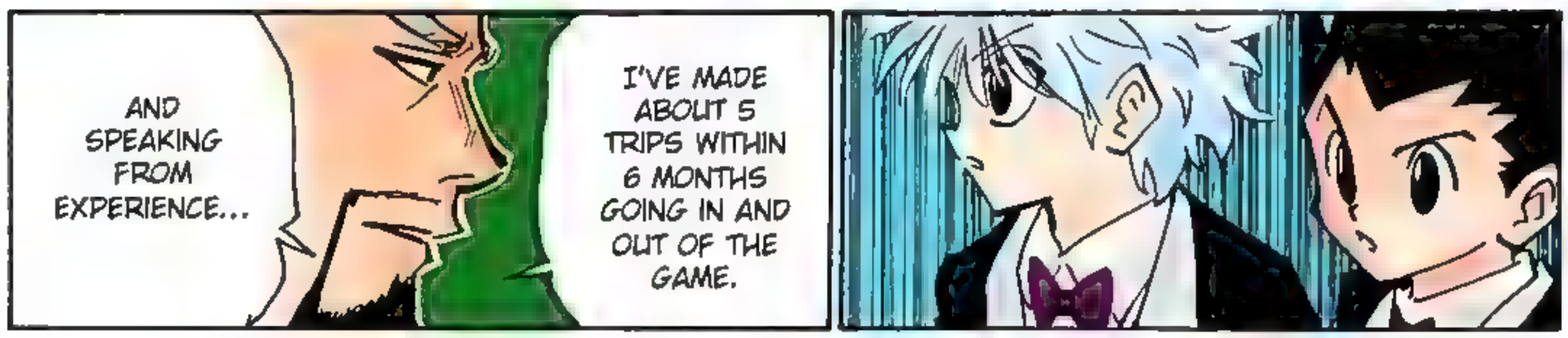

AND WE CANNOT REPLACE SOME SPOTS THAT WERE TAKEN.
THESE PLAYERS WHO REFUSE TO LEAVE HAVE BEEN THERE FOR MONTHS OR EVEN YEARS INSIDE.
HOW DO WE KNOW? WE CAN SEE THEIR STATS ON THE GAME SCREEN TO SEE IF THEY HAVE CHANGED...

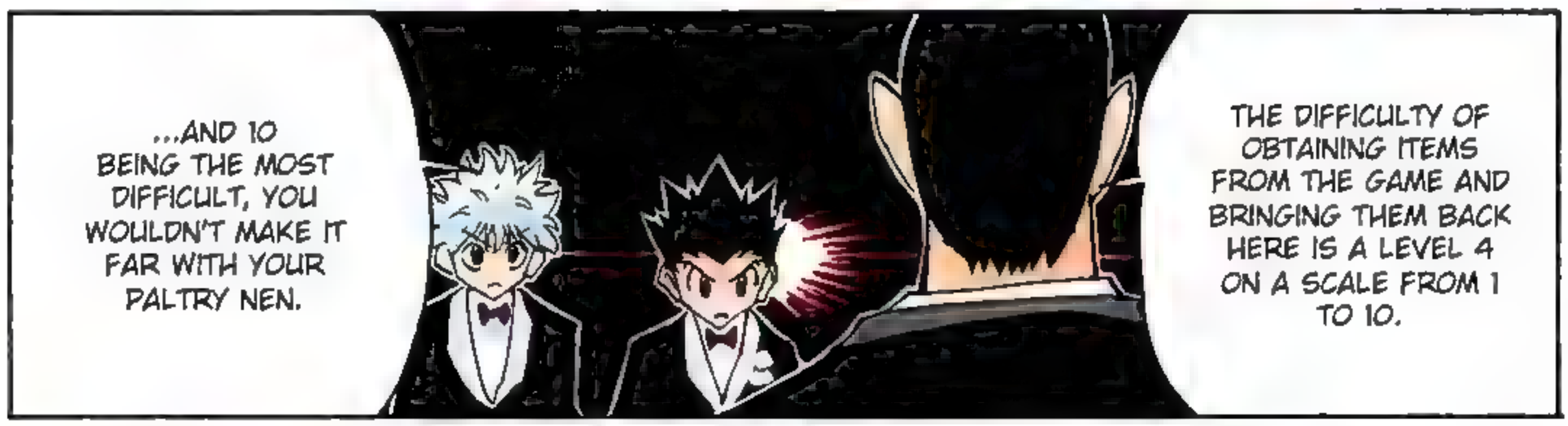

AND HOW DOES HE KNOW IF WE WON'T MAKE IT?!
WE STILL WANNA KNOW WHY WE CAN'T TRY!!

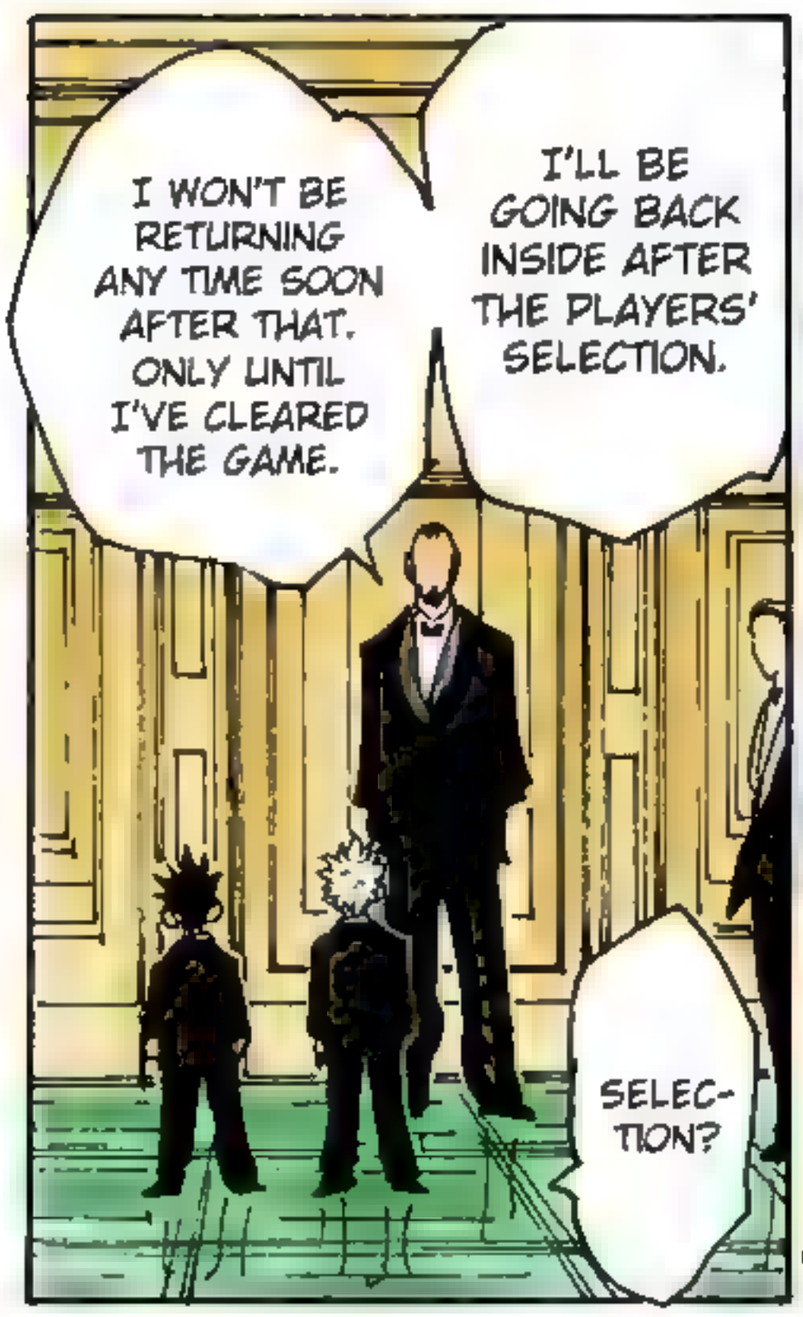
ALL WE'RE LOOKING FOR IS FOR PLAYERS WHO HAVE THE DECENCY TO RETURN TO THE REAL WORLD AND BRING SOME ITEMS FROM WITHIN THE GAME.
THAT'S WHY SELECTING PLAYERS IS STRICT.

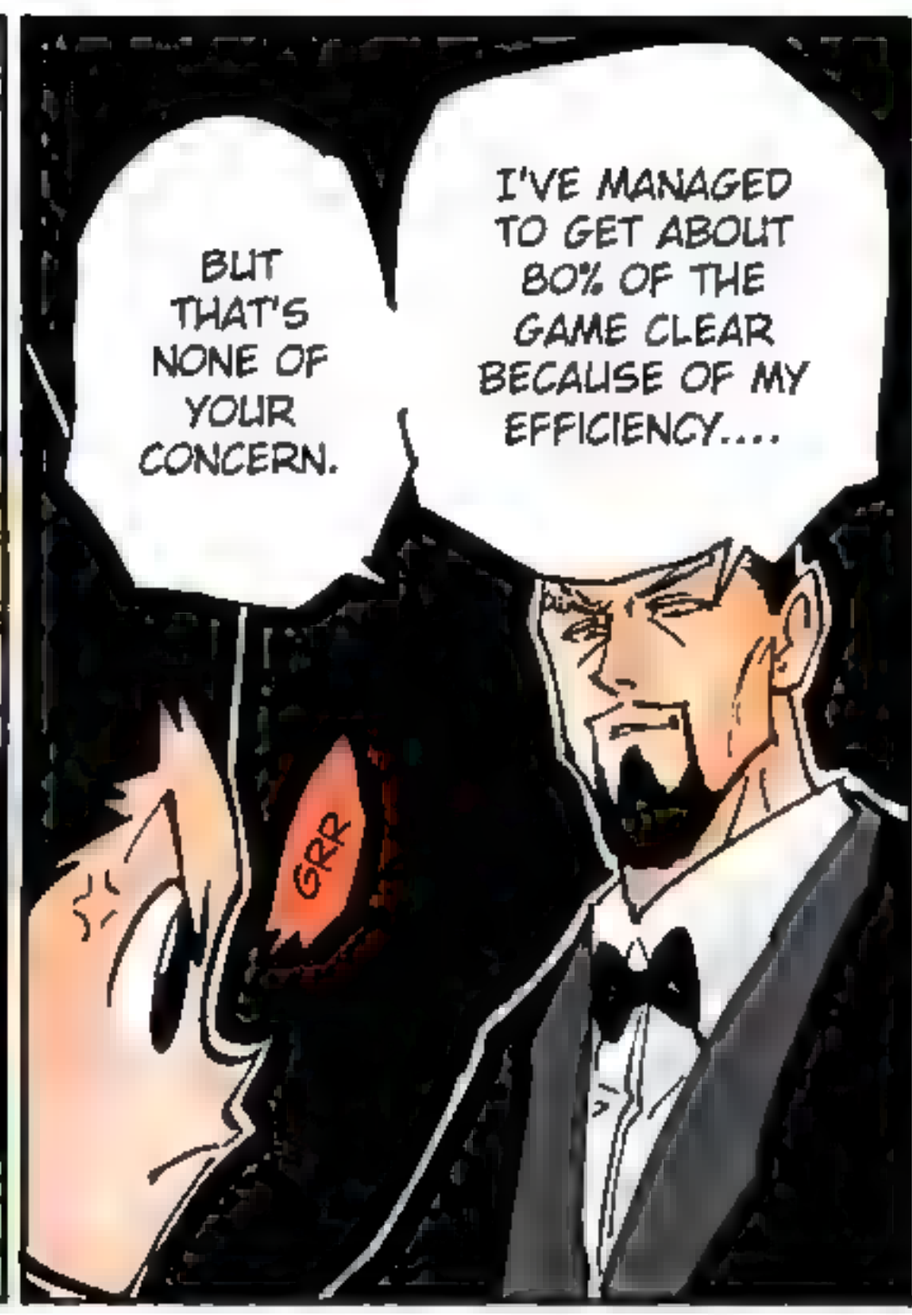
...AND HAS ALREADY ATTEMPTED TO COMPLETE GREED ISLAND MANY TIMES.

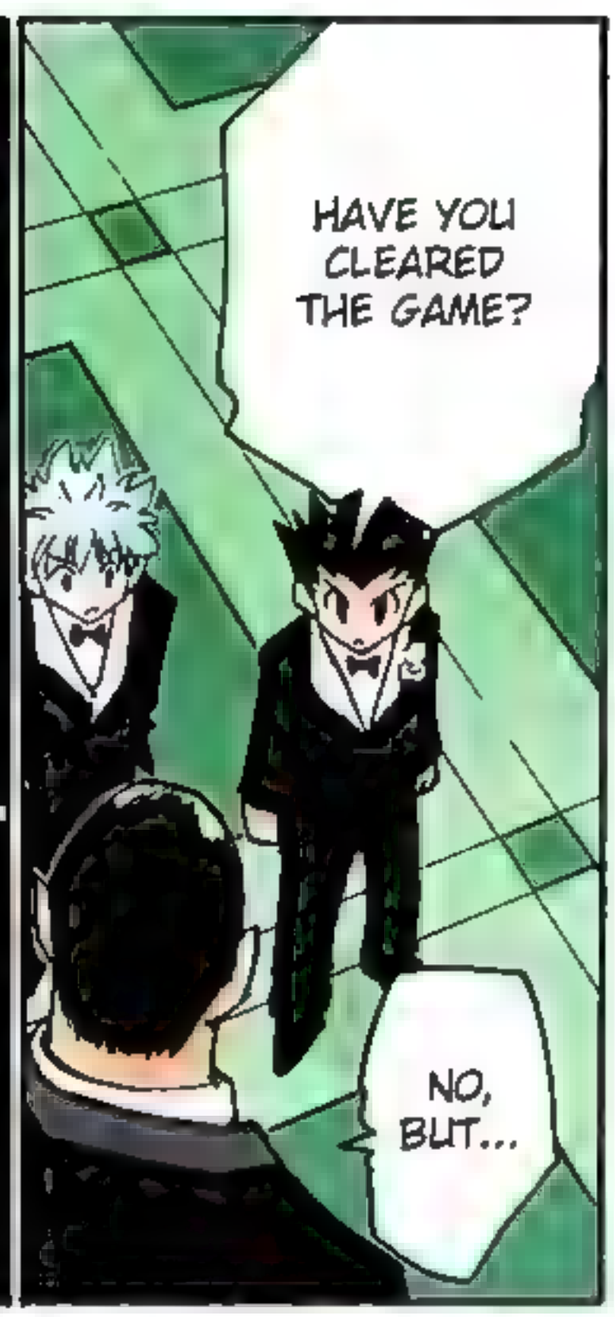
BECAUSE TSEGERRA IS A PRO HUNTER AS WELL...









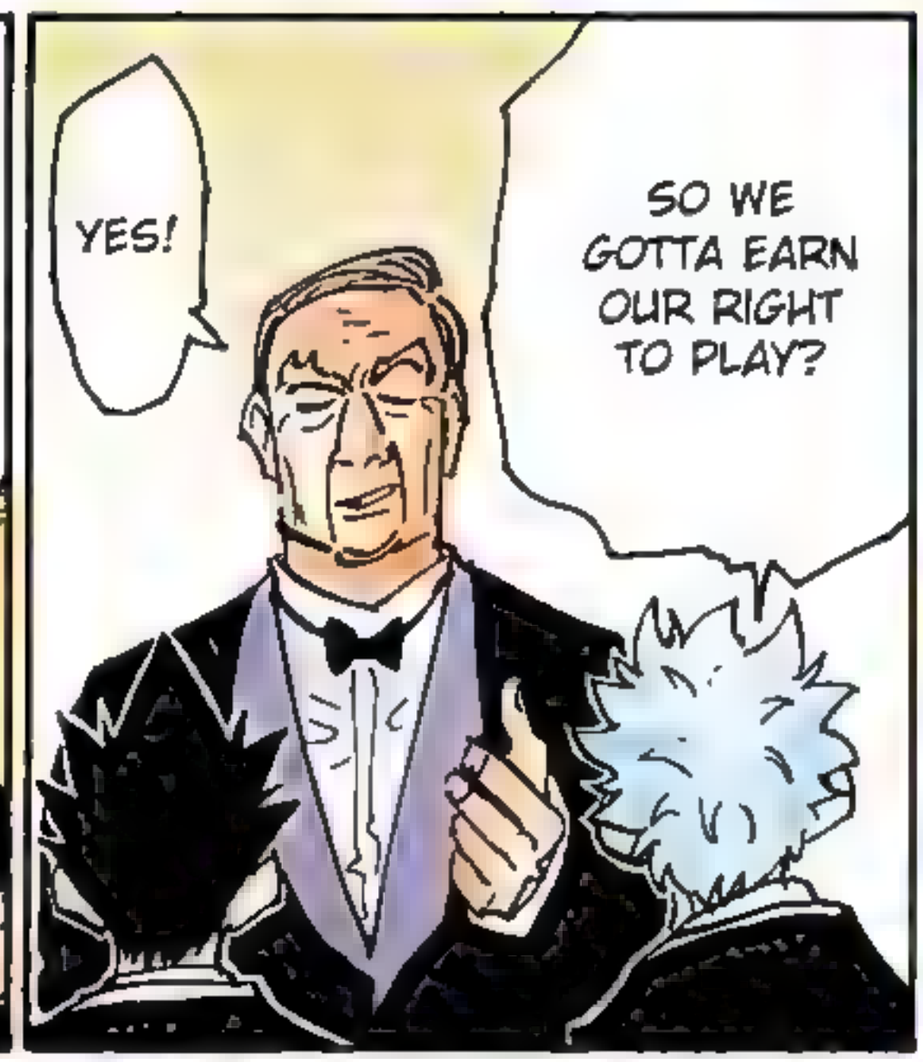


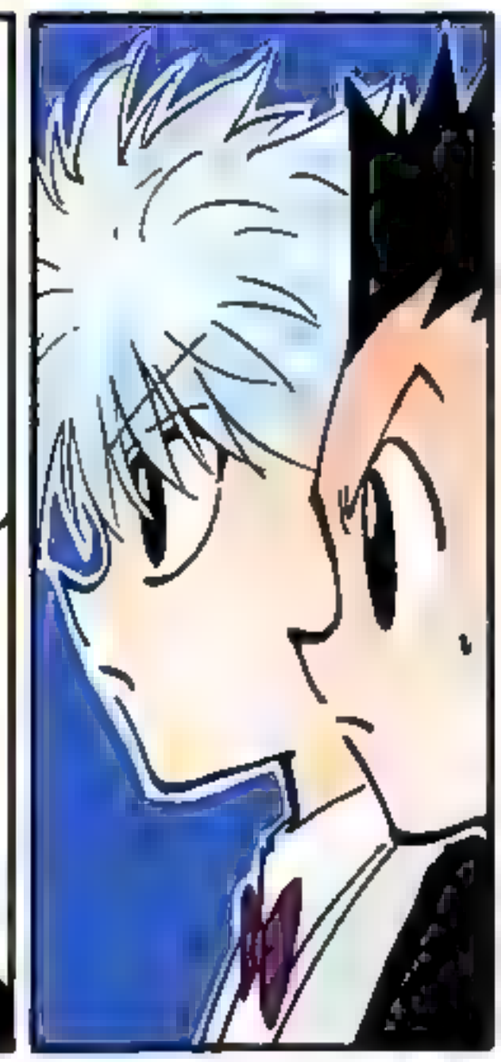
RIGHT AFTER I DO THAT, I WILL START RECRUITING QUALIFIED TO PLAY.

I'M GOING TO BUY ALL 7 COPIES OF THE CARTRIDGES FOR GREED ISLAND.

SO THE COMPETITION WILL BE TOUGH.

WE'VE ALREADY MADE AN ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE HUNTER SITE, AND WE GOT A LOT OF HUNTERS INTERESTED.





...WHERE DID YOU GET YOUR MEMORY CARD?
BY THE WAY...
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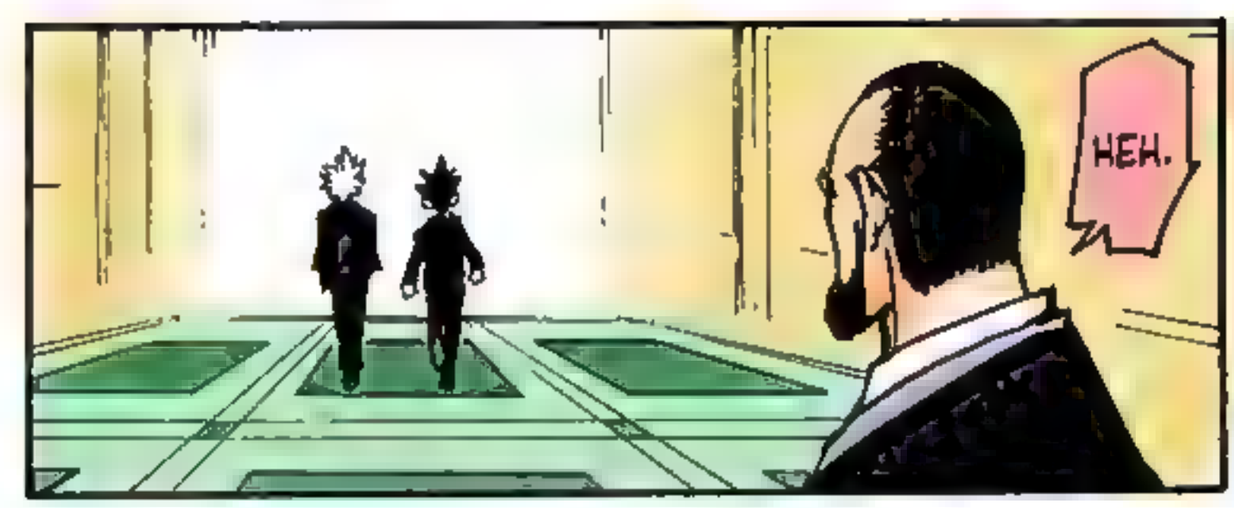
YEAH, WE KNOW!!
SO, YOU HAVE 4 DAYS TO IMPROVE YOUR NEN.
LET'S GO, KILLUA!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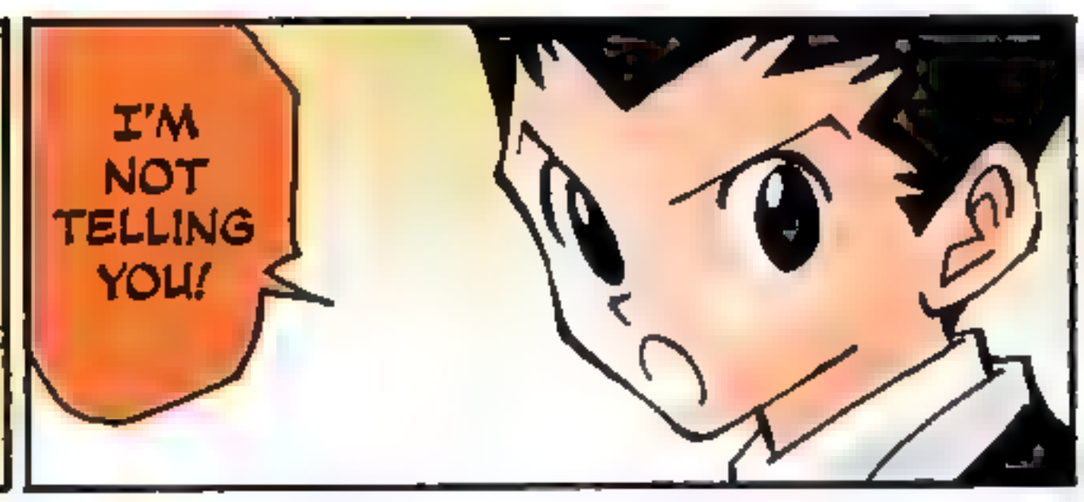
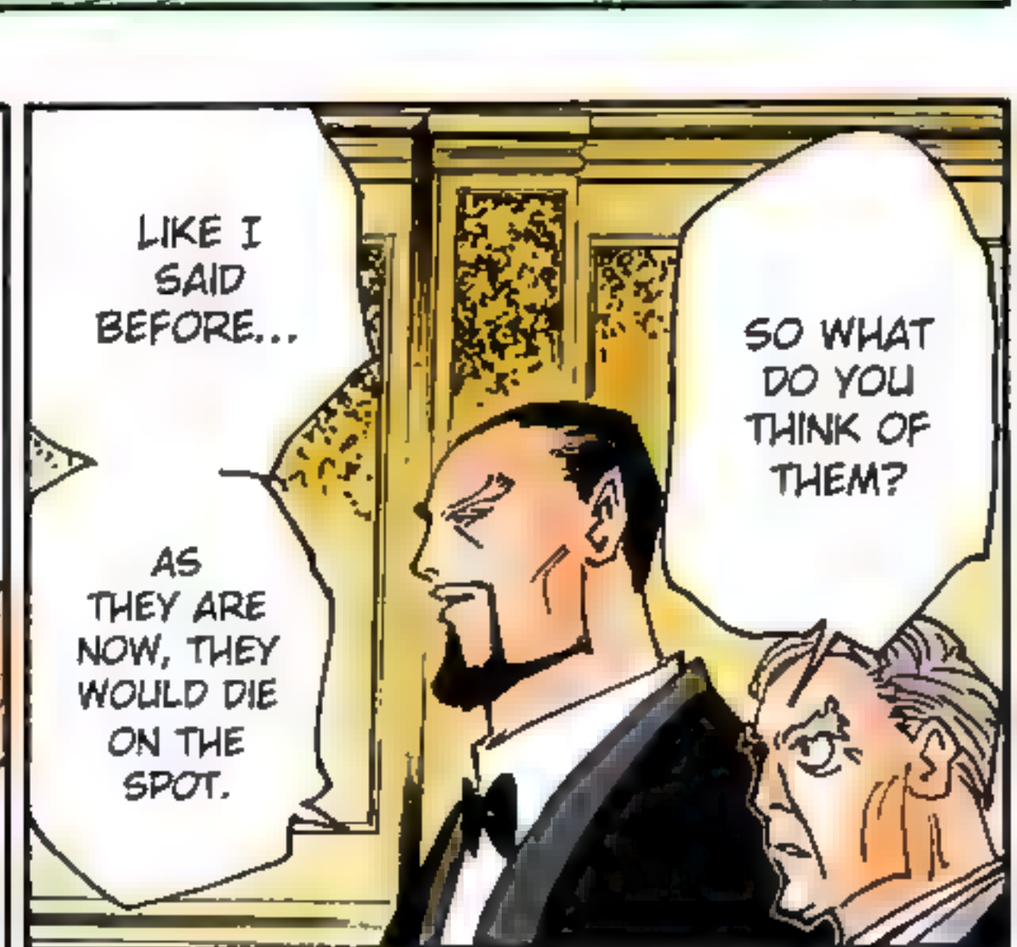

I'M NOT TELLING YOU!

WE'LL PASS THAT TEST!! YOU'LL SEE!!
NOW I'M PISSED OFF!!

THEY HAVE A LOT OF POTENTIAL AND TIME TO USE IT WELL.
BUT A LOT CAN HAPPEN IN FOUR DAYS.
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THE 10TH.


LIKE I SAID BEFORE...
SO WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THEM?
AS THEY ARE NOW, THEY WOULD DIE ON THE SPOT.

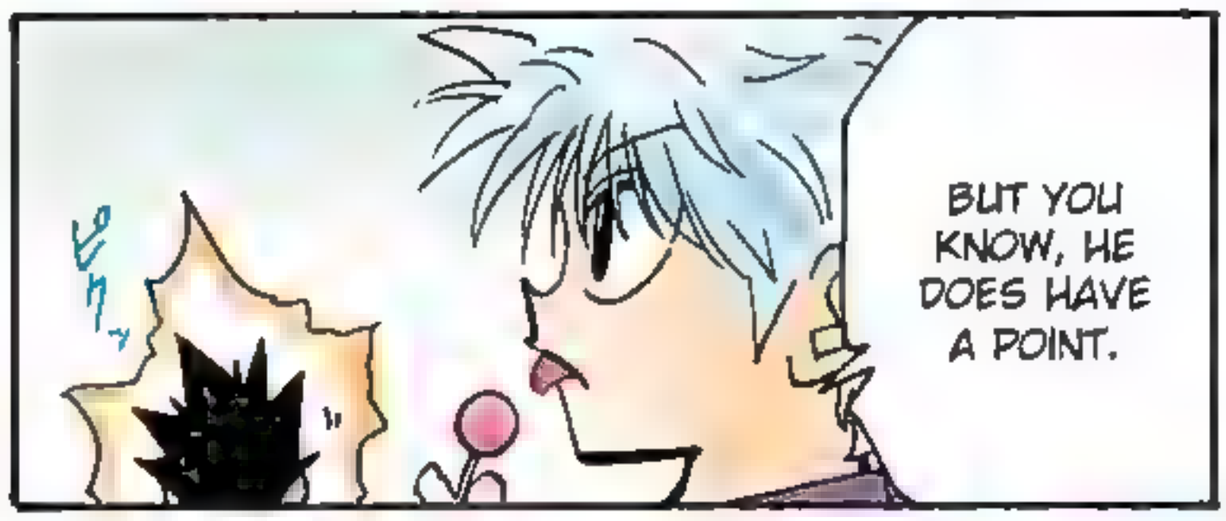
RECRUITING, HUH...?

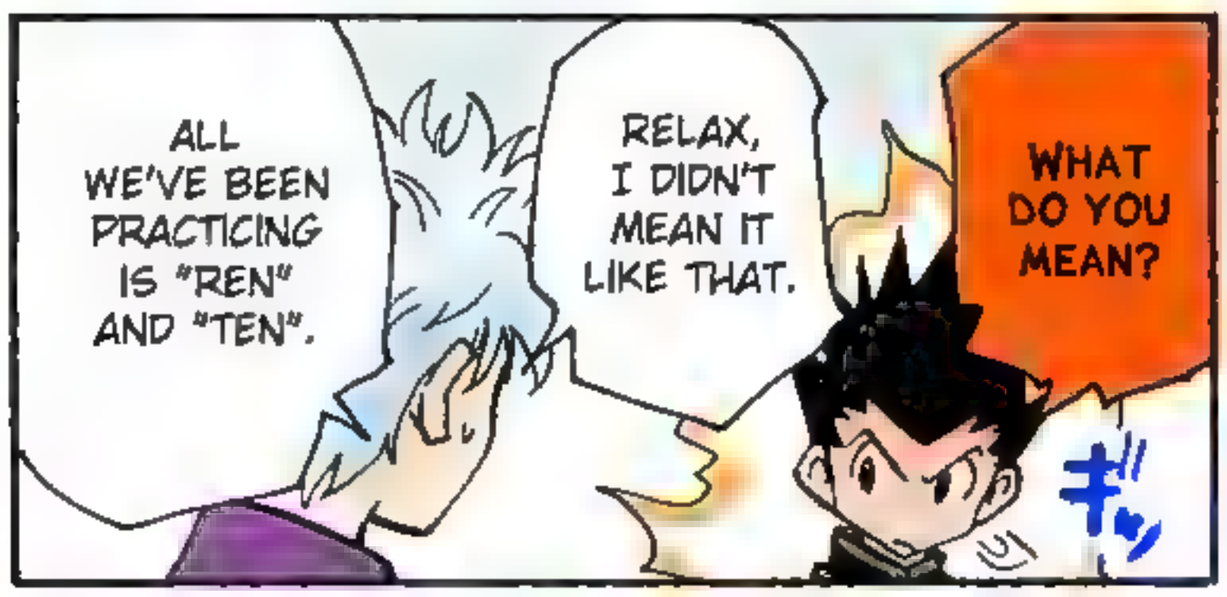
WHAT ELSE?

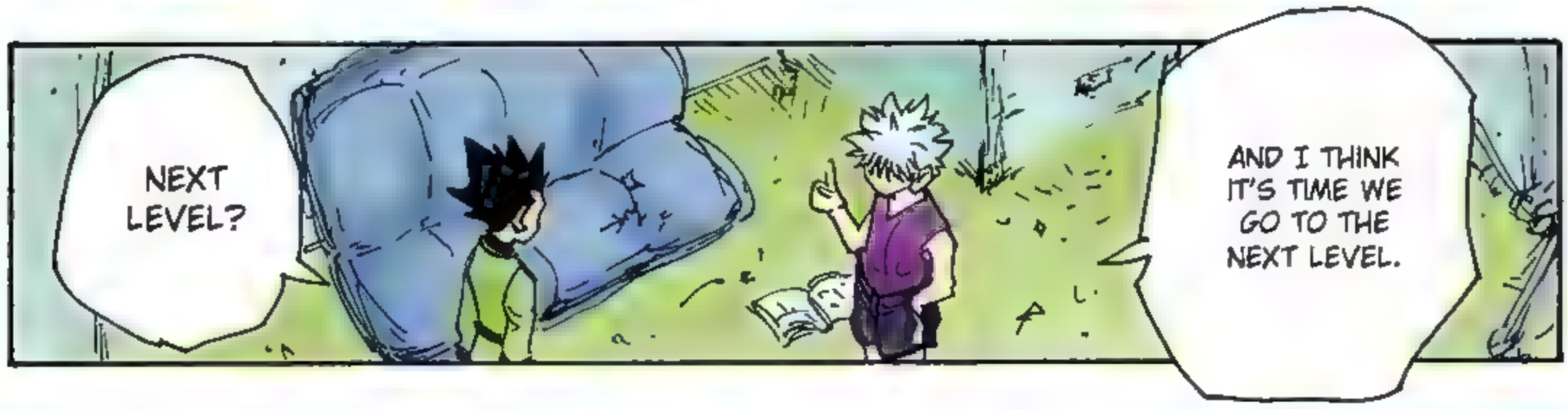
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

HE MAKES ME REALLY MAD!!

ARRGH!!







OUR SPECIAL TECHNIQUE!!

"HATSU"

KURAPIKA NEEDED THE SCARLET EYES FOR IT TO WORK AS WELL, EVEN IF IT MEANT PAYING THE PRICE AFTERWARDS.

OF COURSE, HE RISKED HIS LIFE TO BE ABLE TO USE THEM.

BUT HE PAID DEARLY FOR IT...

HIS ABILITY IS QUITE ON PAR WITH THE SPIDERS...

YET HE WAS ABLE TO STAND AGAINST THE SPIDERS...

THAT'S BECAUSE HE HAD A SPECIAL TECHNIQUE.

KURAPIKA LEARNED TO USE NEN AT THE SAME TIME WE DID.

WE NEED TO HAVE RESTRICTIONS THAT AREN'T EXTREME.

AND WE CAN'T GO AS FAR AS HE DID.

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ACTUALLY, LET'S MAKE IT SOMETHING THAT FITS OUR TYPE OF NEN...

BUT THEY CAN'T BE TOO SIMPLE EITHER, OR IT WON'T BE EFFICIENT ENOUGH.

WE HAVE TO EXPLOIT OUR INDIVIDUAL ABILITIES! WE HAVE TO THINK ALONG THOSE LINES!

YUP

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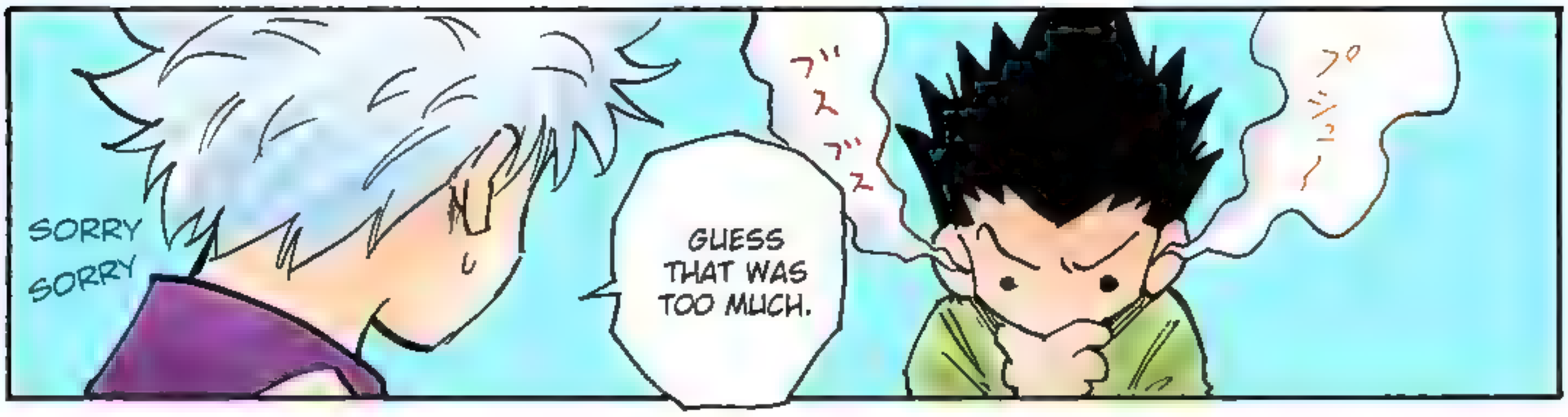
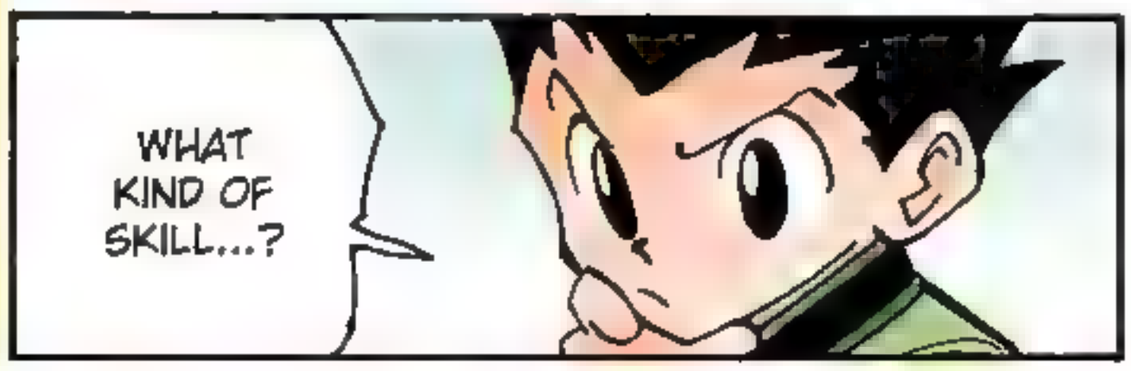

SORRY SORRY
GUESS THAT WAS TOO MUCH.

HEY!

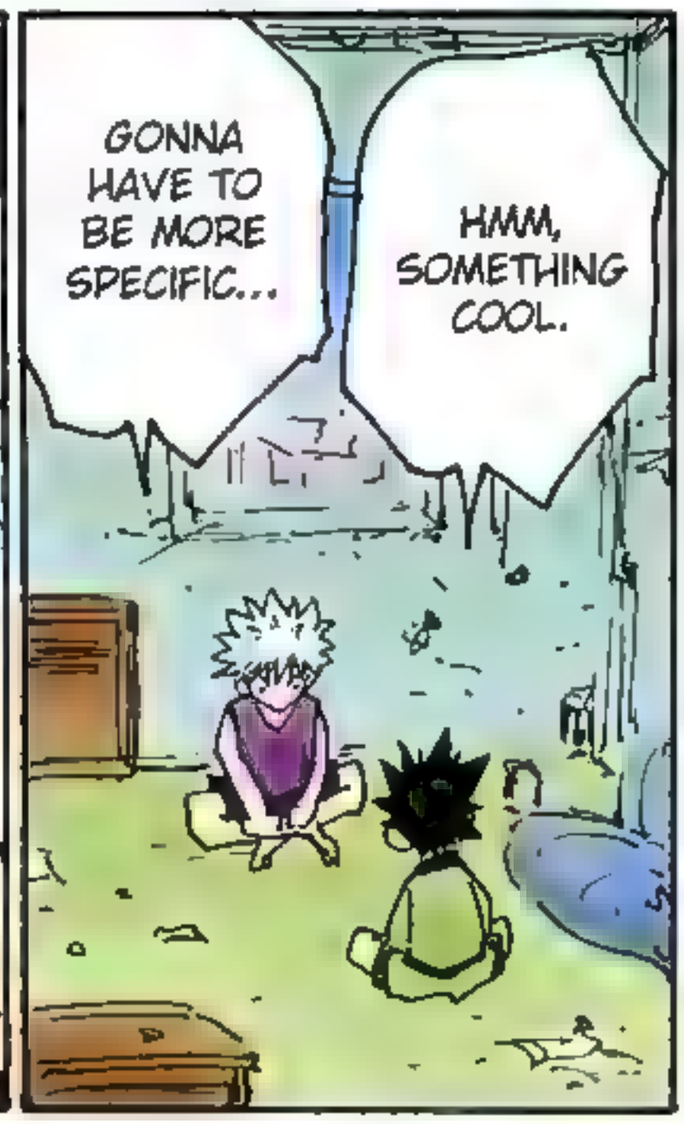
FIRST, PICK WHAT SKILL YOU WANT TO DEVELOP.
LET'S JUST TAKE THIS STEP BY STEP.


WHAT KIND OF SKILL...?

DON'T YOU HAVE ANY IDEA ON WHAT YOU WANT?!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
IT'S HARD!

YOU NEED TO KNOW HOW YOU WANT IT TO BE FIRST.
YEAH, BUT TO DO THAT...
I JUST WANT TO ENHANCE MY STRENGTH.

YOU CAN ALWAYS ENHANCE THE ABILITY YOU HAVE.
YOU'RE AN ENHANCER TYPE...


GONNA HAVE TO BE MORE SPECIFIC...
HMM, SOMETHING COOL.

I ALWAYS WANTED TO TRY IT OUT, BUT WE HAVEN'T GOT TIME TO TRY IT LATELY.
IT'S A SECRET.
REALLY? WHAT IS IT?!
GON...
RIGHT...
THAT'S WHY I'M? TRYING TO HELP YOU FIRST.
YEAH I DO.
WHAT ABOUT YOU, KILLUA? DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS?
THAT HURT!
YOU HAVE TO CONCENTRATE TO DISCOVER WHICH SKILL YOU WANT TO DEVELOP, TAKE YOUR TIME.
FROM NOW ON, I'M GOING TO FORCE MYSELF TO DO A CERTAIN TYPE OF TRAINING TO MASTER MY SPECIAL TECHNIQUE.
SEE YA.
MAYBE I'LL PASS THE TRIAL WITHOUT YOU.
URK!
HE HAS A TENDENCY TO GET SIDETRACKED IF YOU DON'T PRESSURE HIM LIKE THAT.
I MIGHT HAVE BEEN A LITTLE TOUGH ON HIM THIS TIME, BUT...
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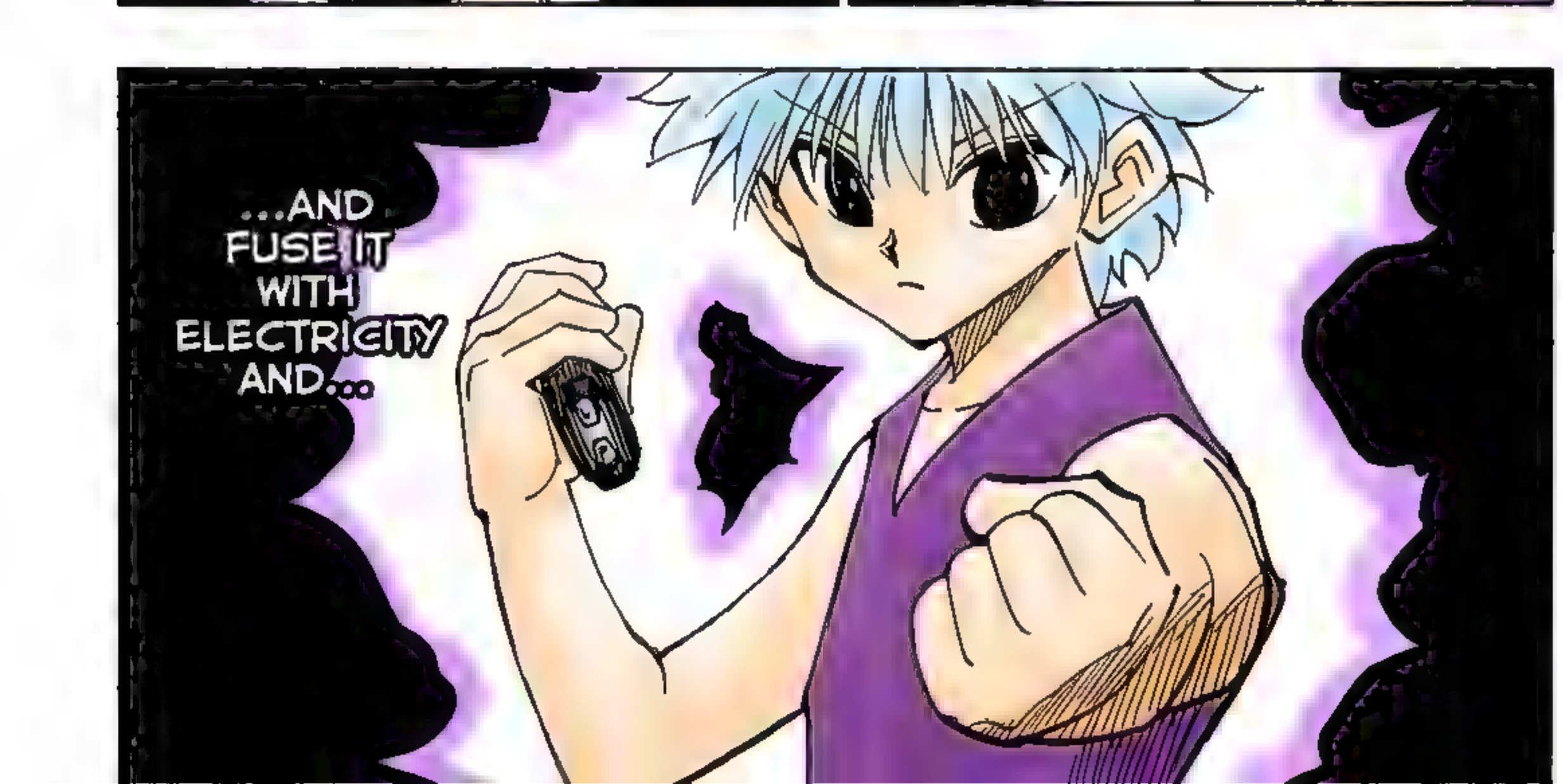
OF MY AURA...
FORM A MENTAL PICTURE...


...AND FUSE IT WITH ELECTRICITY AND...

IF
SEE IF I CAN MERGE BOTH AND BEND IT TO MY WILL!!
IF

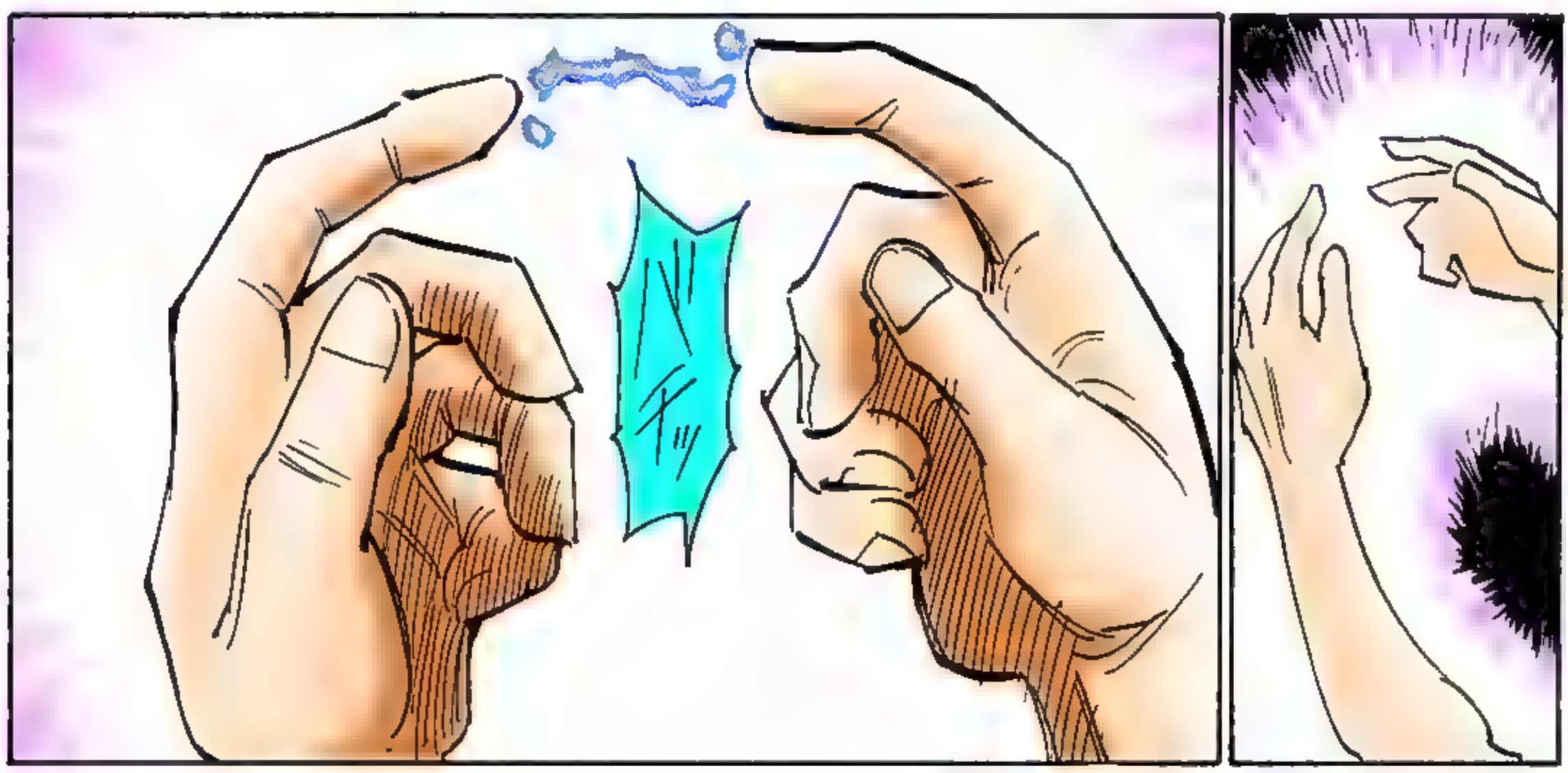
AMPLIFY MY NEN!!!

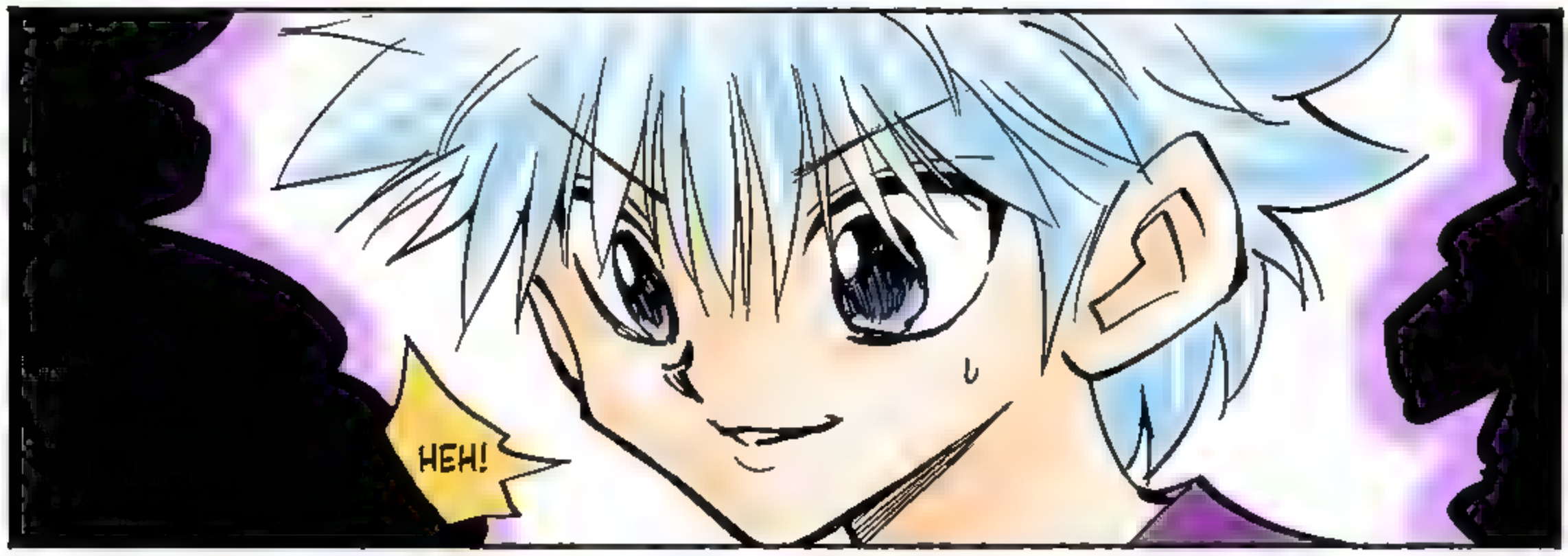
I NEED TO VISUALIZE THE STORED ELECTRICITY...

NEXT...

I'LL NOW PROJECT IT AND...

PHEW !!





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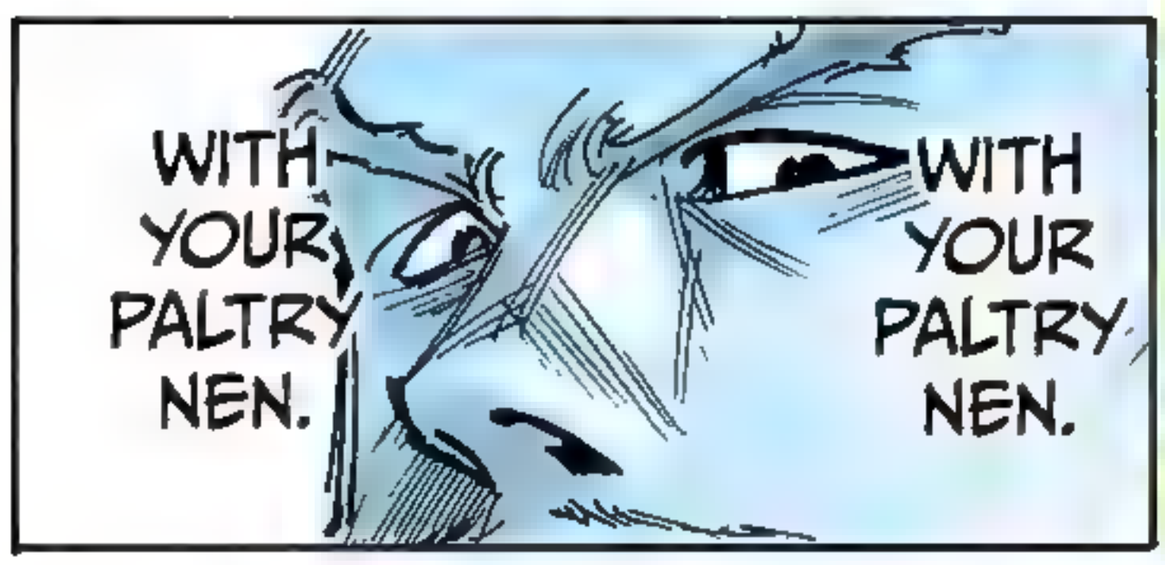
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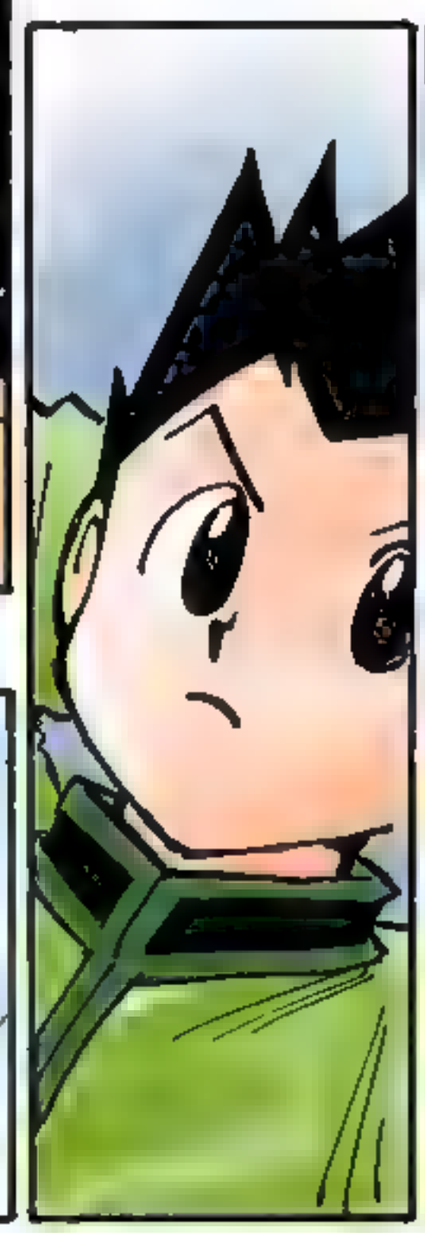
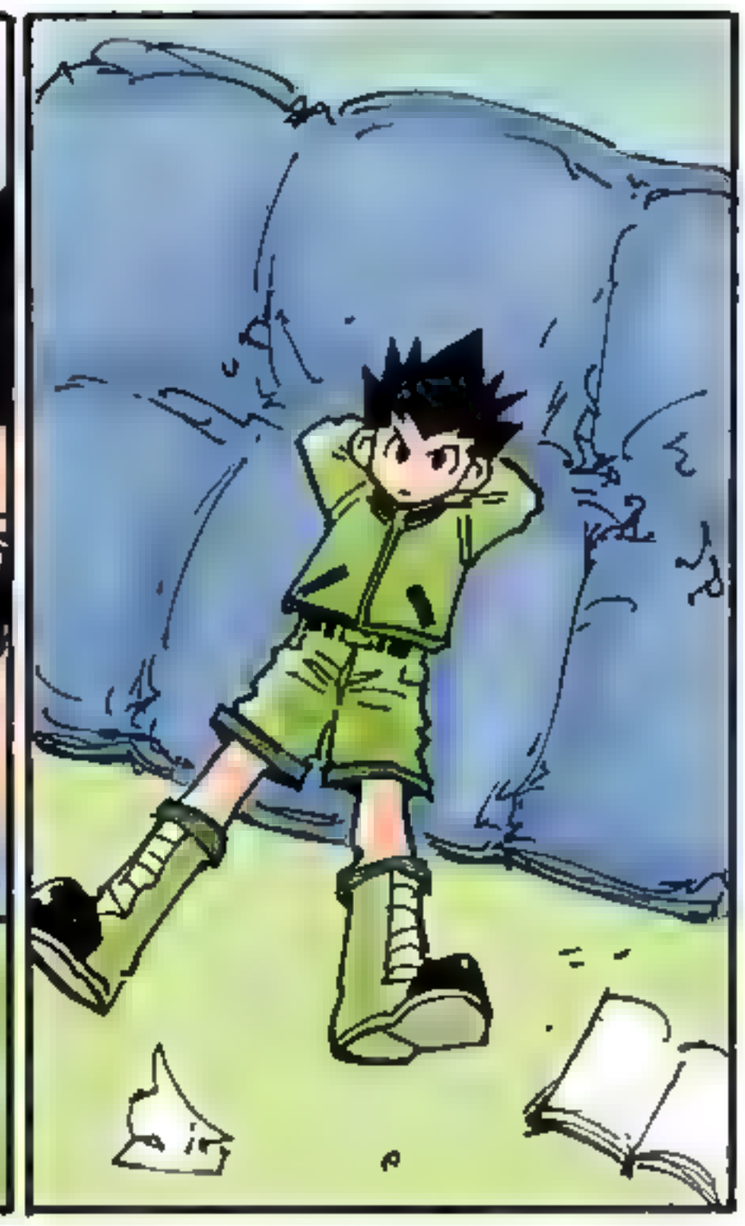
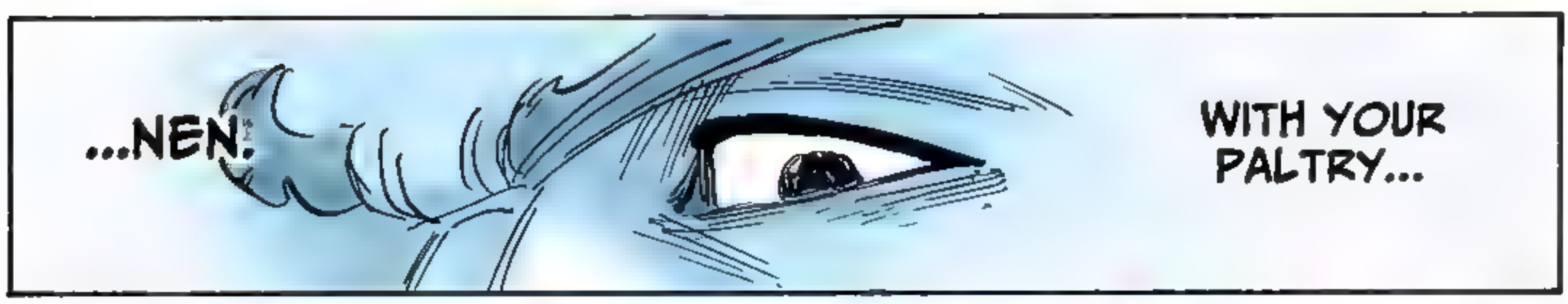
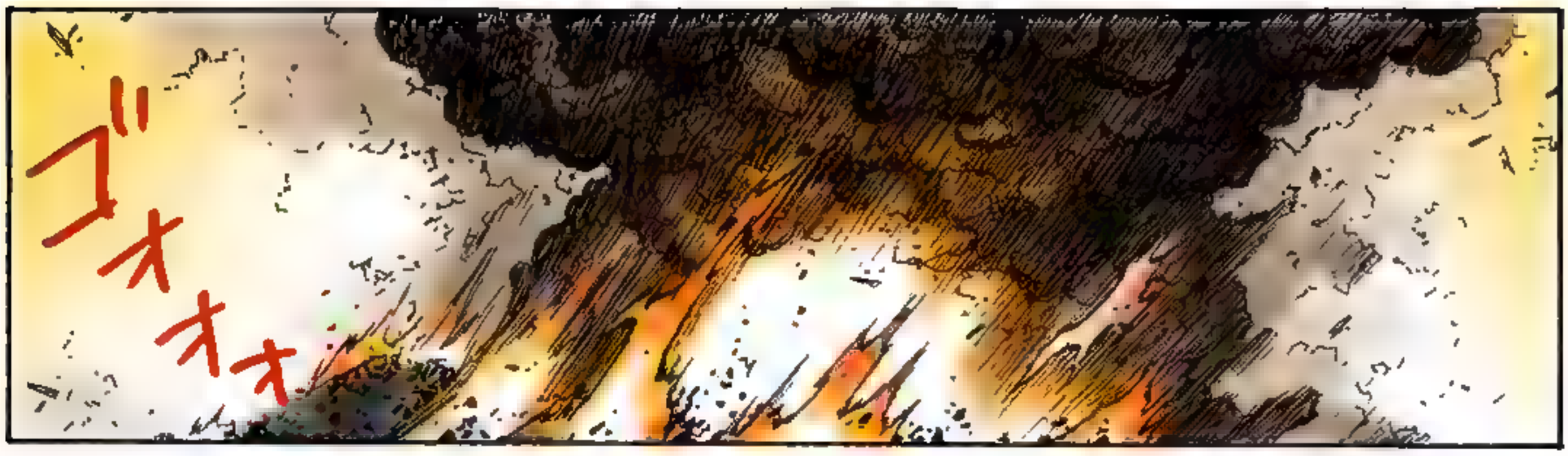





...NEN.
WITH YOUR PALTRY...

DAMN IT!!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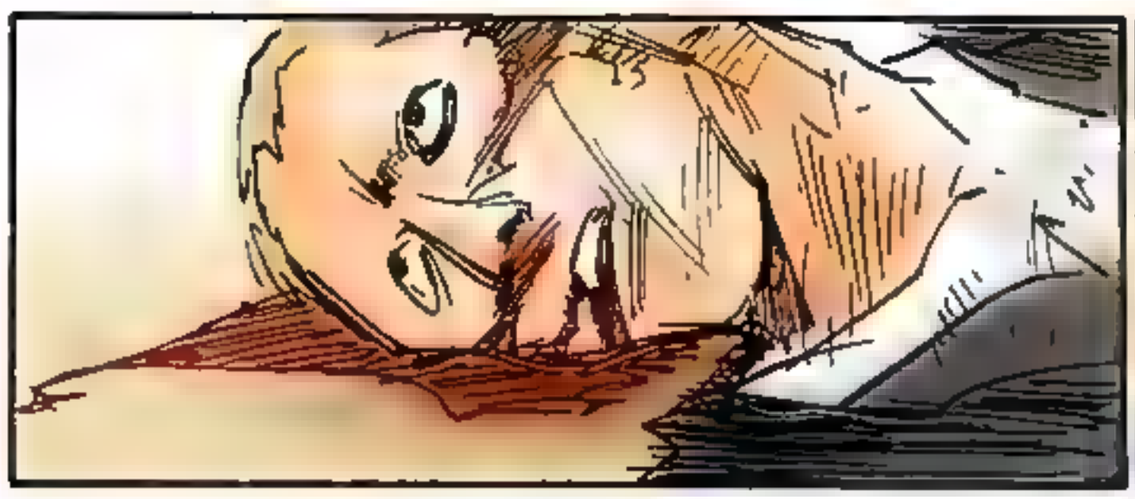

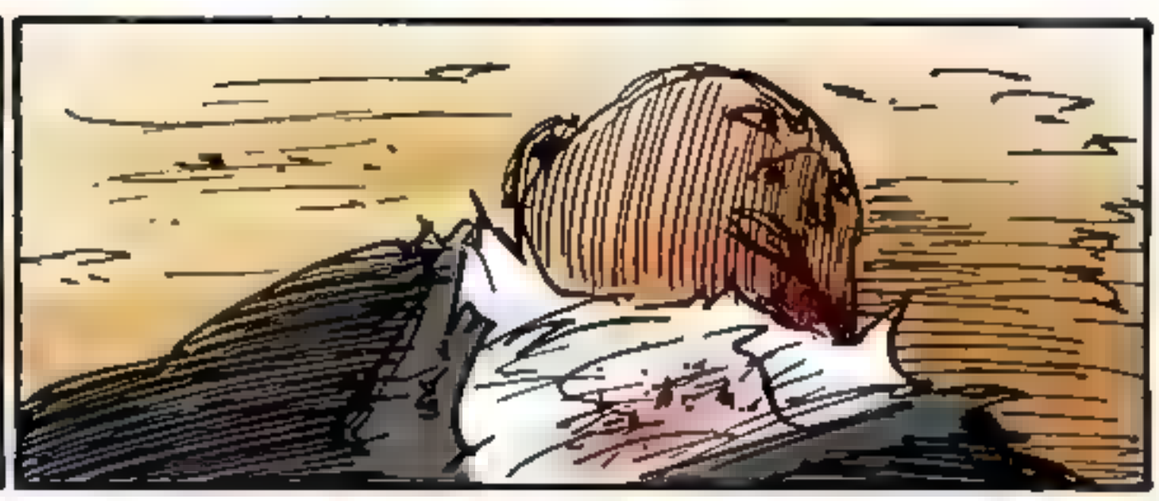

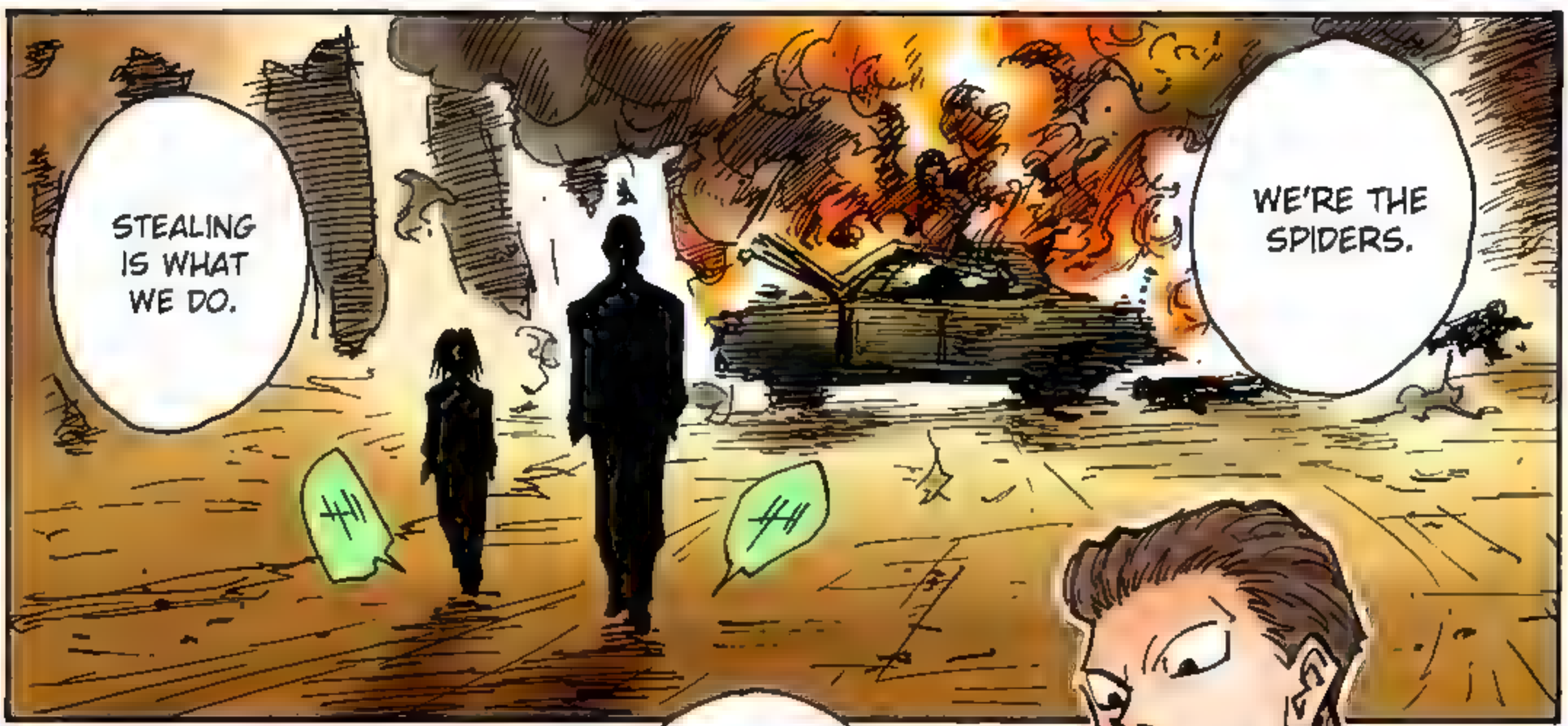
STEALING IS WHAT WE DO.
WE'RE THE SPIDERS.

LET'S HEAD BACK TO THE HIDEOUT AND PLAY.

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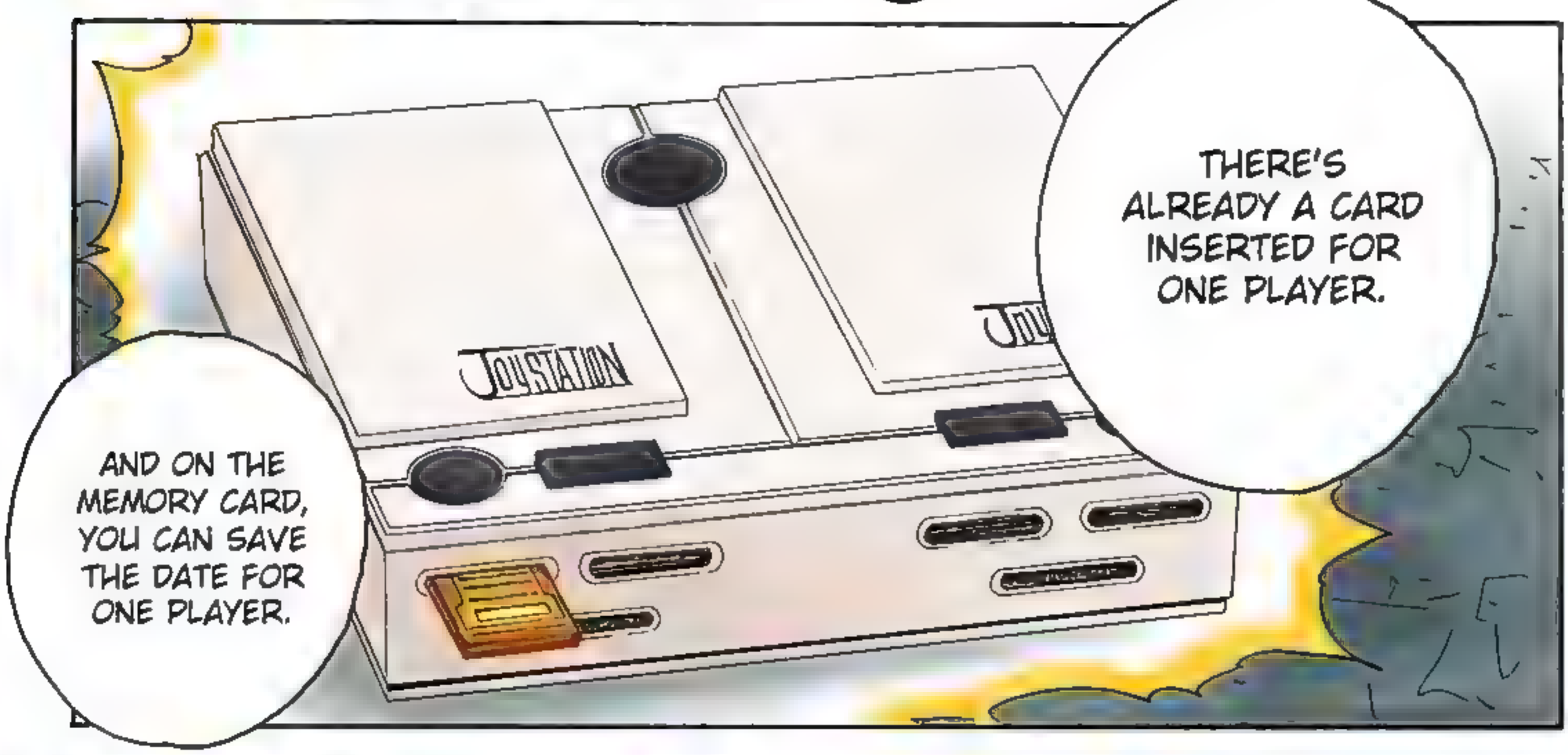

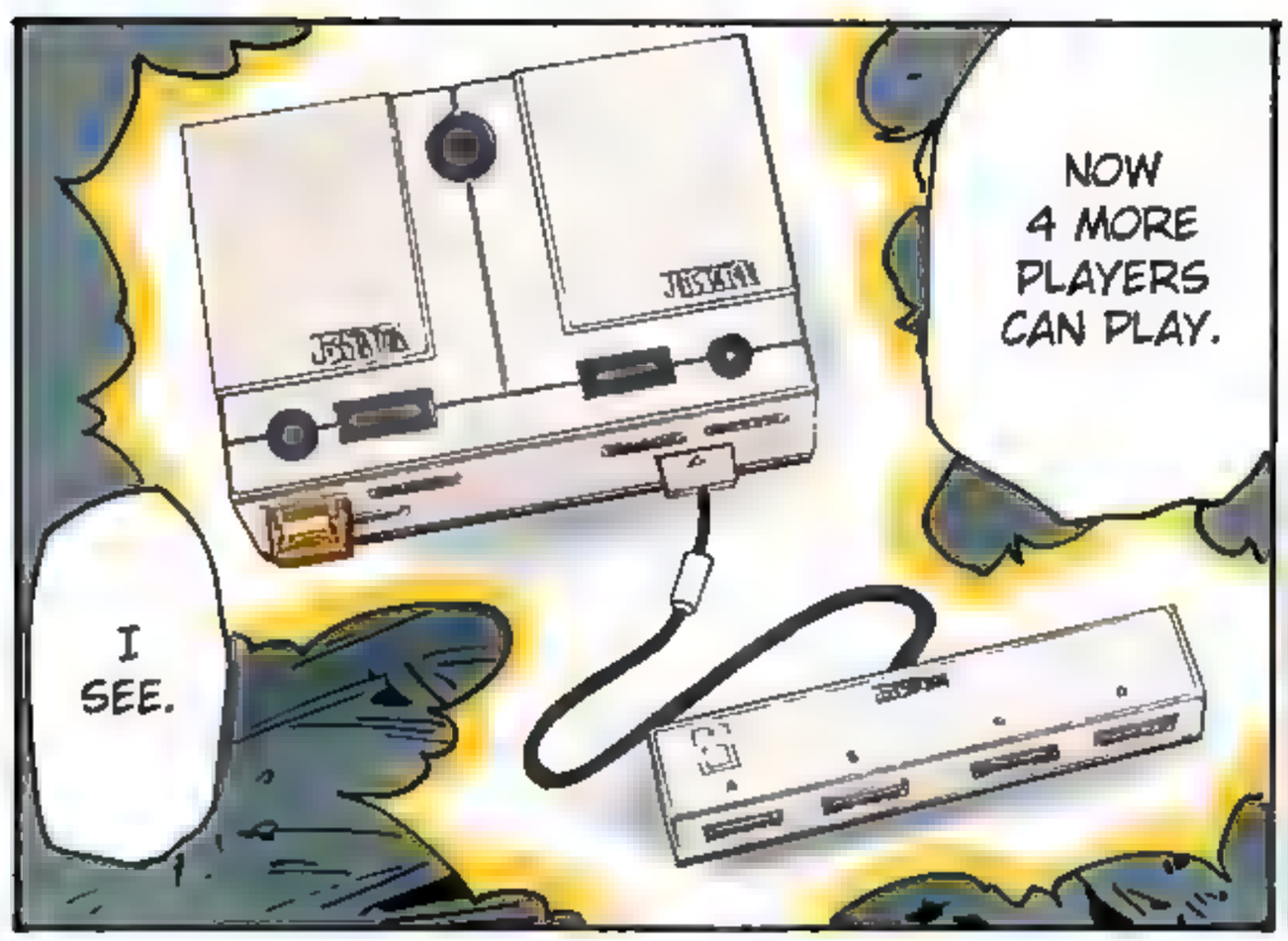

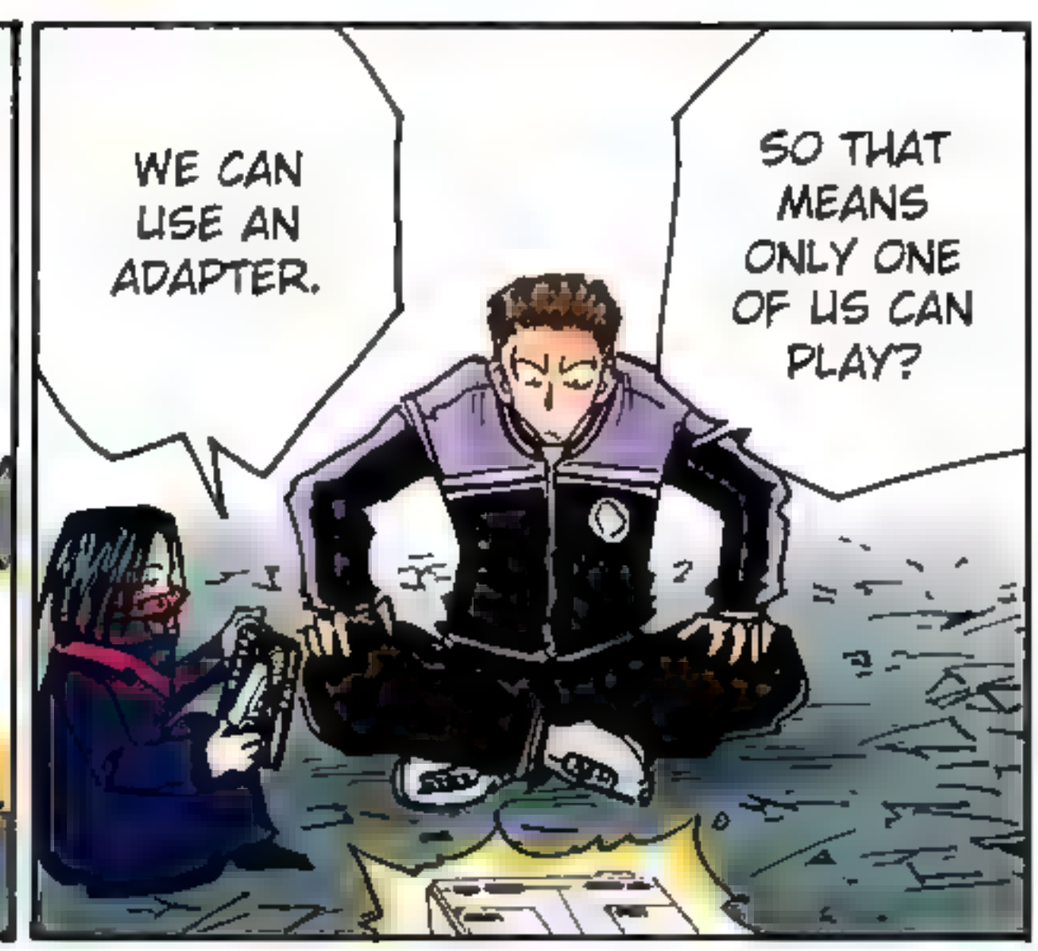

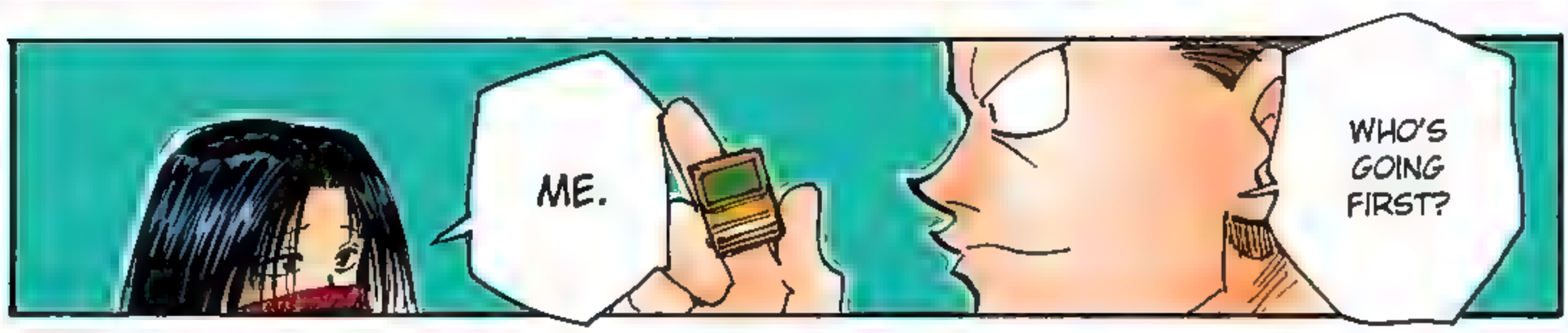

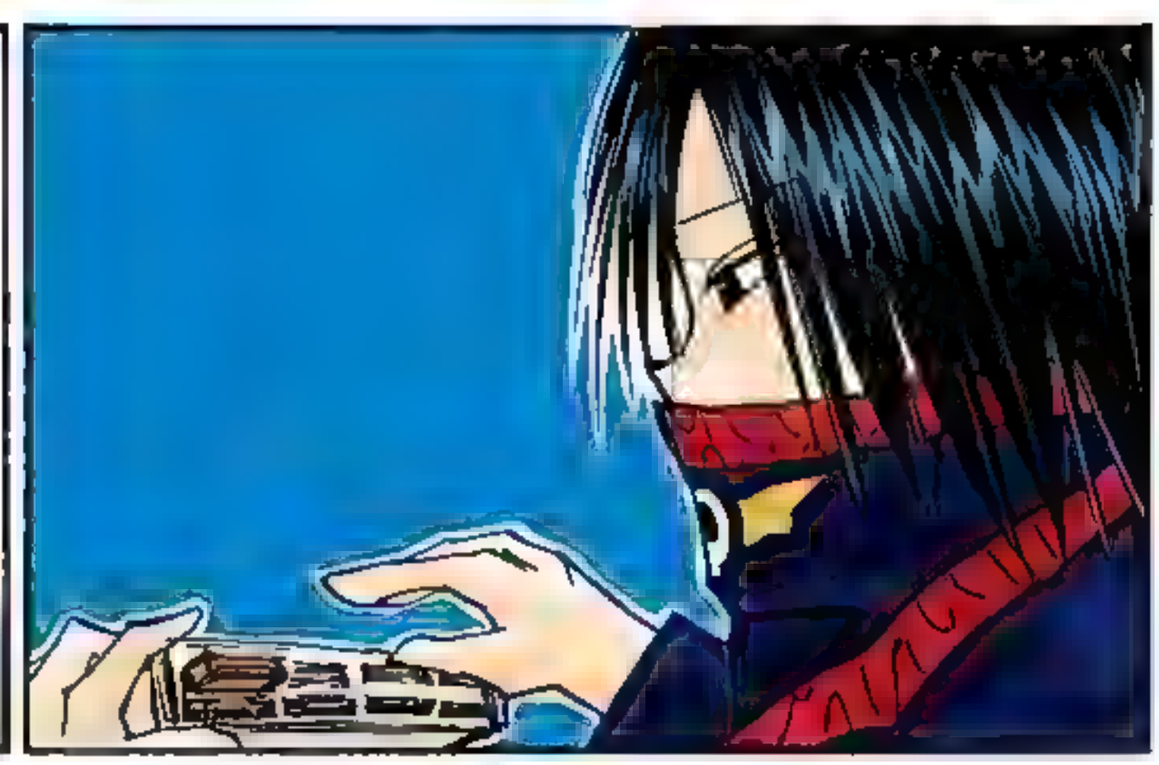

I HAD SOME DOUBTS, BUT NOW...

HE'S REALLY GONE.

WOAH!

IT'S A GAME, GREED ISLAND.

HM?

WHAT'S THAT?

MAYBE LATER.

NO THANKS.

THERE'S ROOM FOR TWO MORE.

WANNA PLAY? IT'LL KILL SOME TIME.

IT'S A GAME THAT CAN ACTUALLY KILL YOU WITHIN THE GAME.

IT'S WHAT'S WRITTEN IN THE CATALOG THEY STOLE.

DUNNO.

WHAT KIND OF GAME IS IT?

HMM ...

OOH!

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CHROLLO LUCIFER: (SPECIALIST)

He can steal the ability of others, taking their nen ability and using them as well. He has all they're abilities saved in a conjured book called "**bandit's secret**" from which he can draw out at any given moment he pleases. Once it's stolen, the original user of the ability won't be able to use it anymore.

(1) he first needs to have a set of restrictions for it to work first.
- **(A)** he must first see the ability with his eyes.
- **(B)** next he has to ask about the nen ability, and the user must respond to it..
- **(C)** he must then place the palm of the user on the handprint of the book's cover.
- **(D)** steps A through C must be done within an hour for it to work.

(2) To use the ability, chrollo must have the book open with his right hand and on the page with the ability that he desires.

(3) the ability will disappear once the original user dies.

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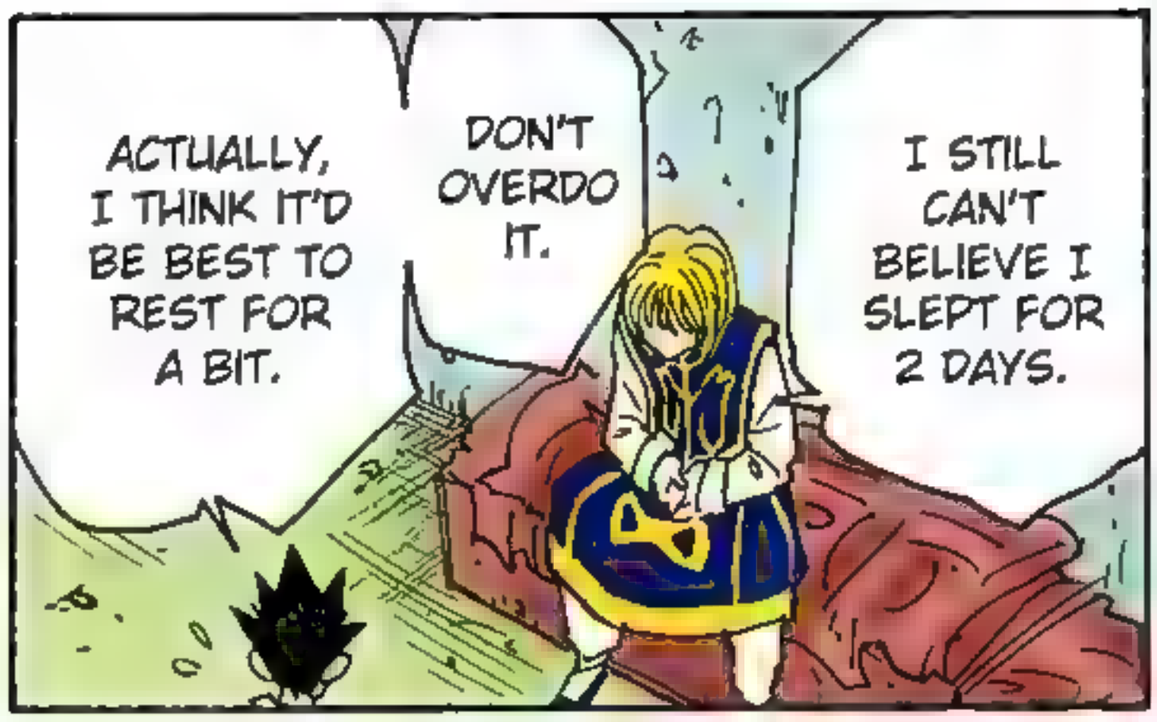
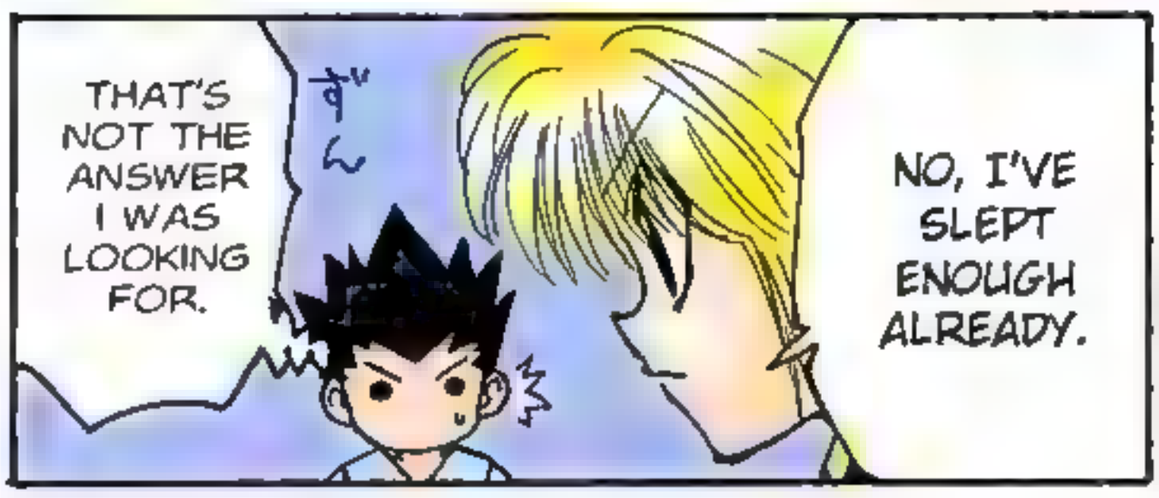
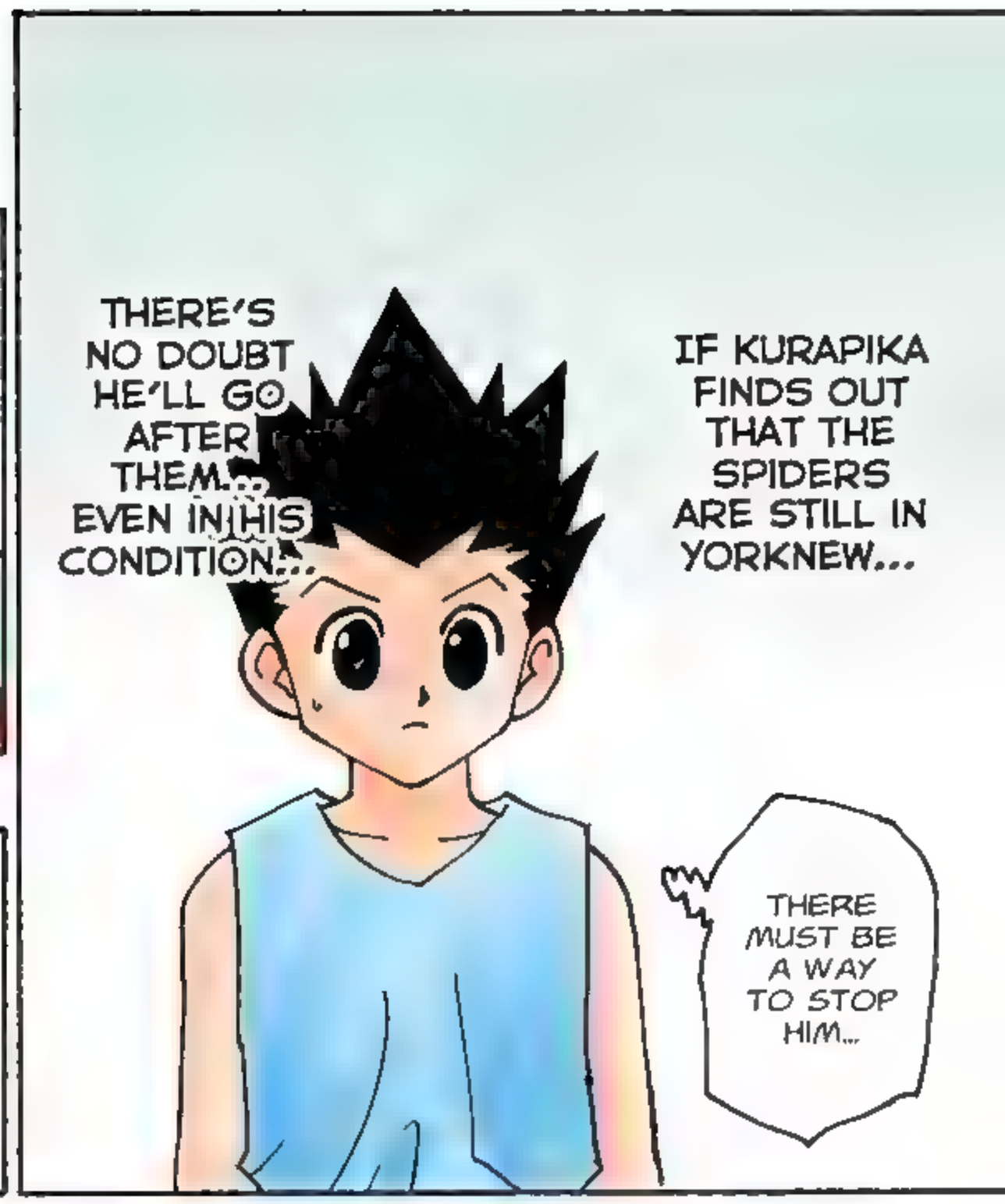
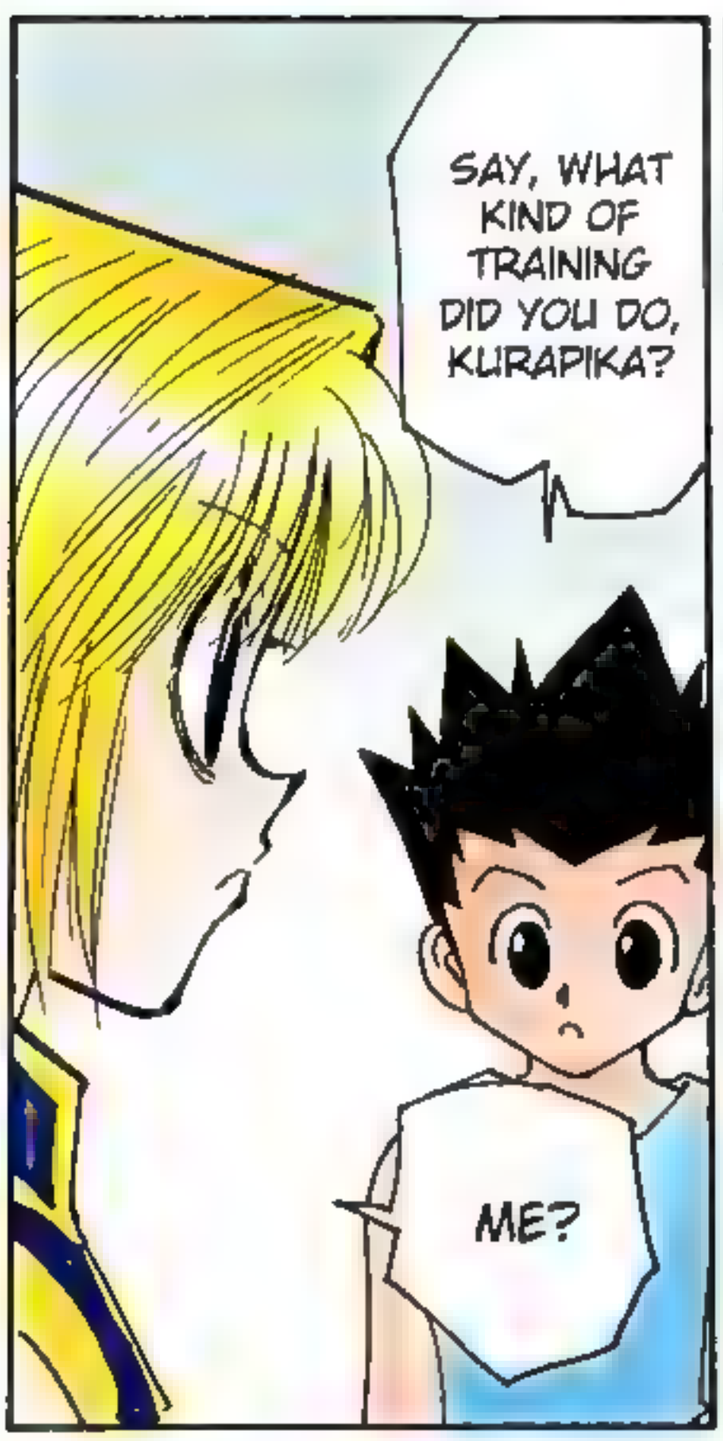
I'LL SHOW HIM!!
WITH NEN AS WEAK AS YOURS, YOU'LL JUST END UP DYING...
I'M SORRY IF I MADE YOU WORRY.
IT'S FINE.
HE DOESN'T LOOK FINE AT ALL.
KURA-PIKA!! YOU'VE RECOV-ERED?
YES... MY FEVER WENT DOWN.
WORKING HARD I SEE.

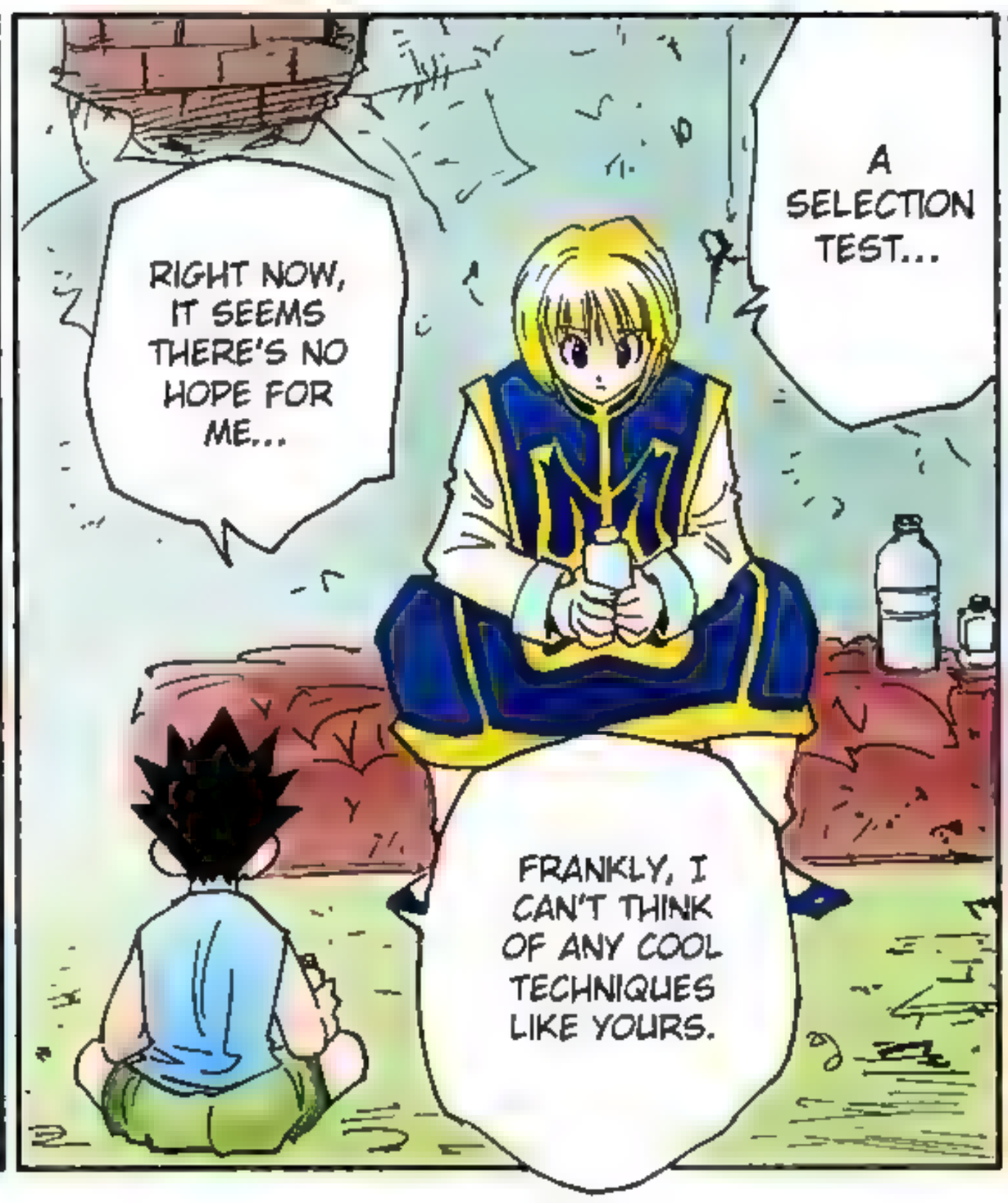

ACTUALLY, I THINK IT'D BE BEST TO REST FOR A BIT.
DON'T OVERDO IT.
I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE I SLEPT FOR 2 DAYS.


THAT'S NOT THE ANSWER I WAS LOOKING FOR.
NO, I'VE SLEPT ENOUGH ALREADY.


THERE'S NO DOUBT HE'LL GO AFTER THEM... EVEN IN HIS CONDITION...
IF KURAPIKA FINDS OUT THAT THE SPIDERS ARE STILL IN YORKNEW...
THERE MUST BE A WAY TO STOP HIM...

YEAH.
LEORIO TOLD ME YOU GUYS WERE TRYING TO GET AN EXPENSIVE GAME.
HOW DID THE SOUTHERN PIECE AUCTION GO?


SAY, WHAT KIND OF TRAINING DID YOU DO, KURAPIKA?
ME?


RIGHT NOW, IT SEEMS THERE'S NO HOPE FOR ME...
A SELECTION TEST...
FRANKLY, I CAN'T THINK OF ANY COOL TECHNIQUES LIKE YOURS.

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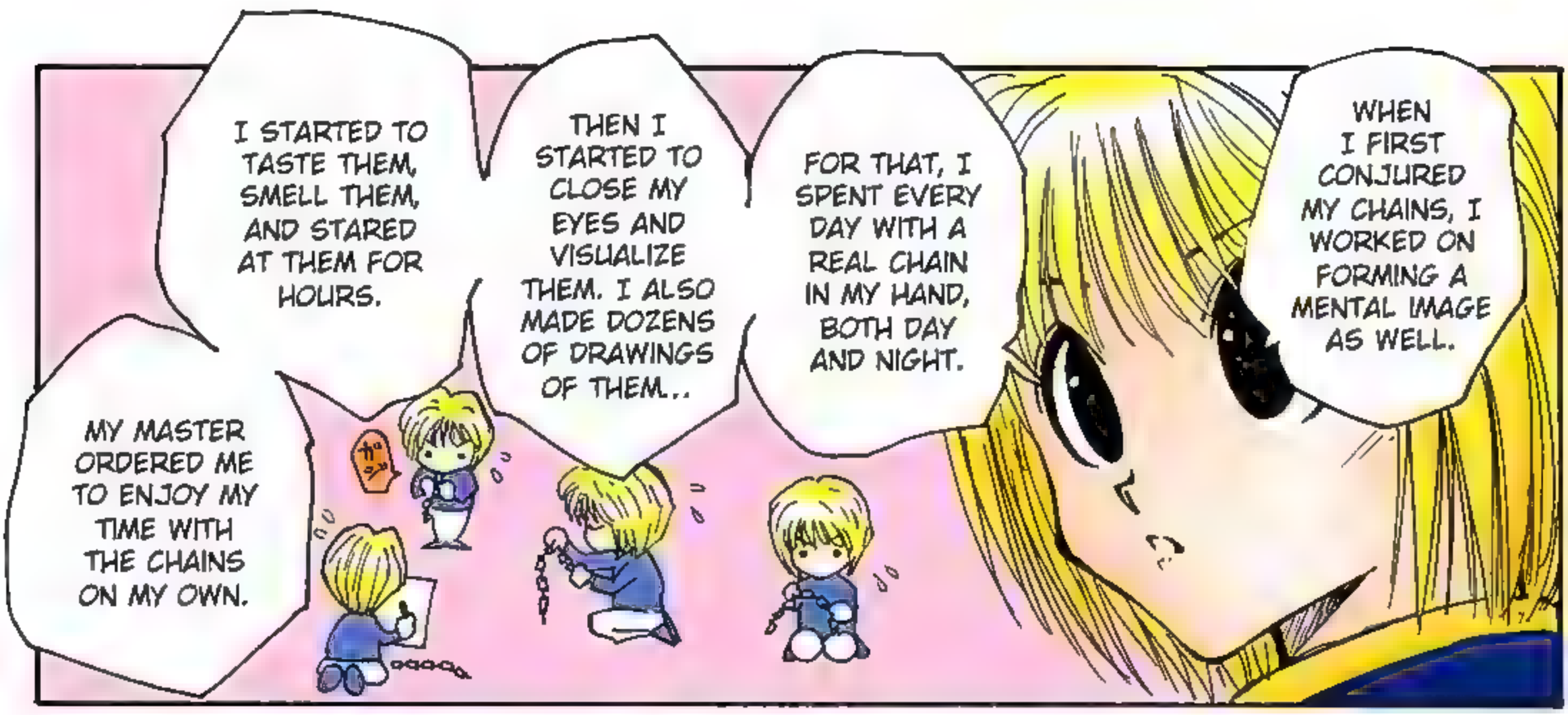
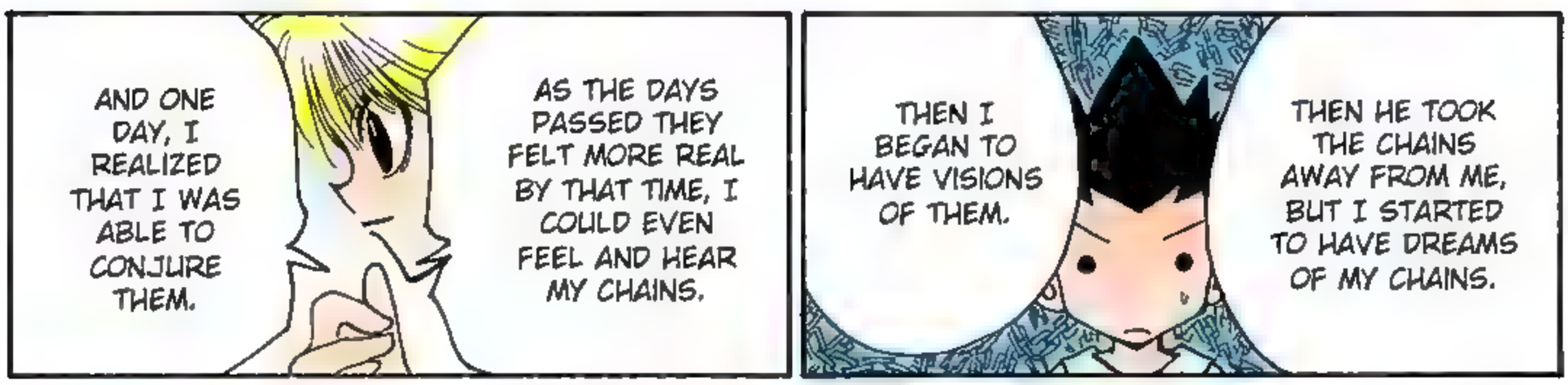
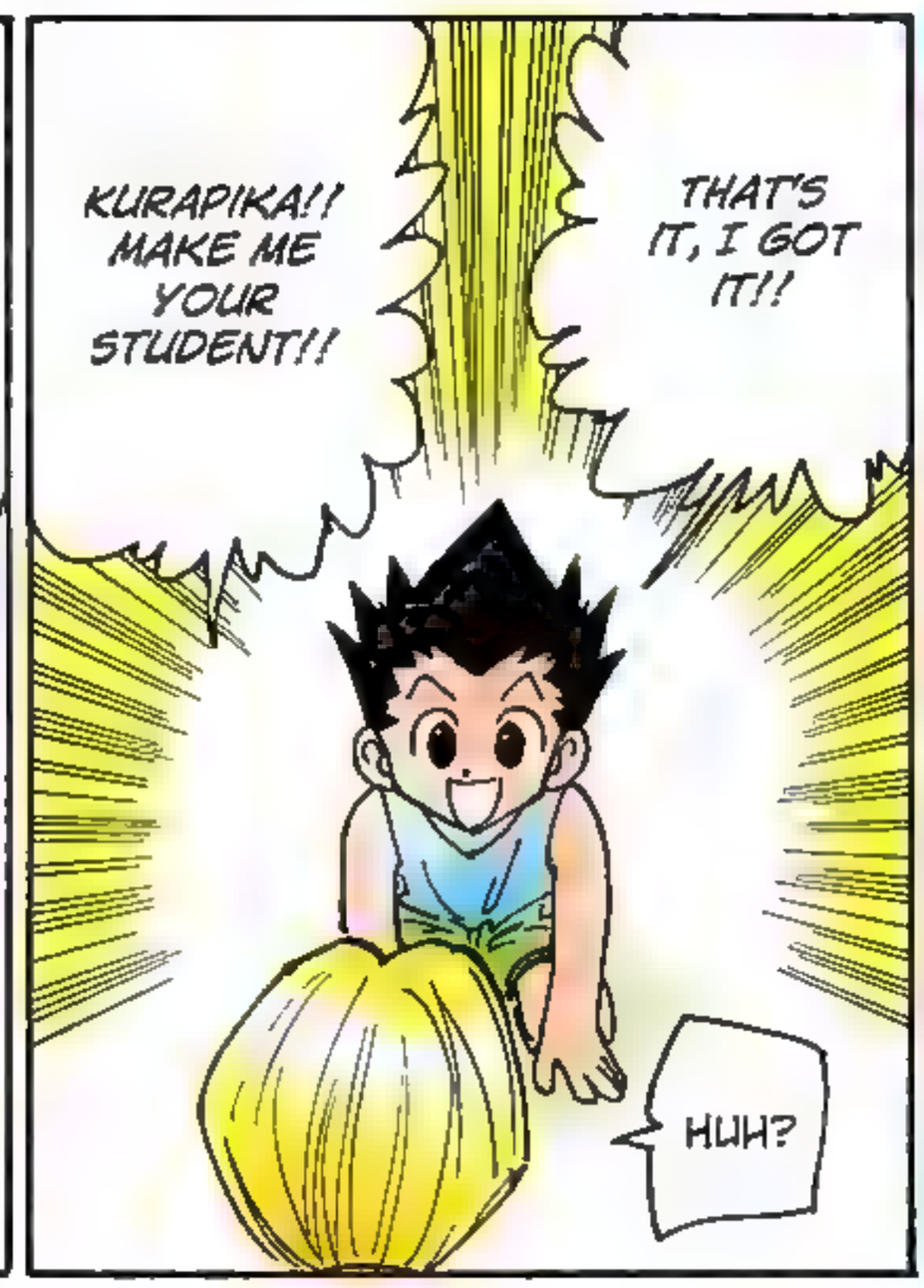
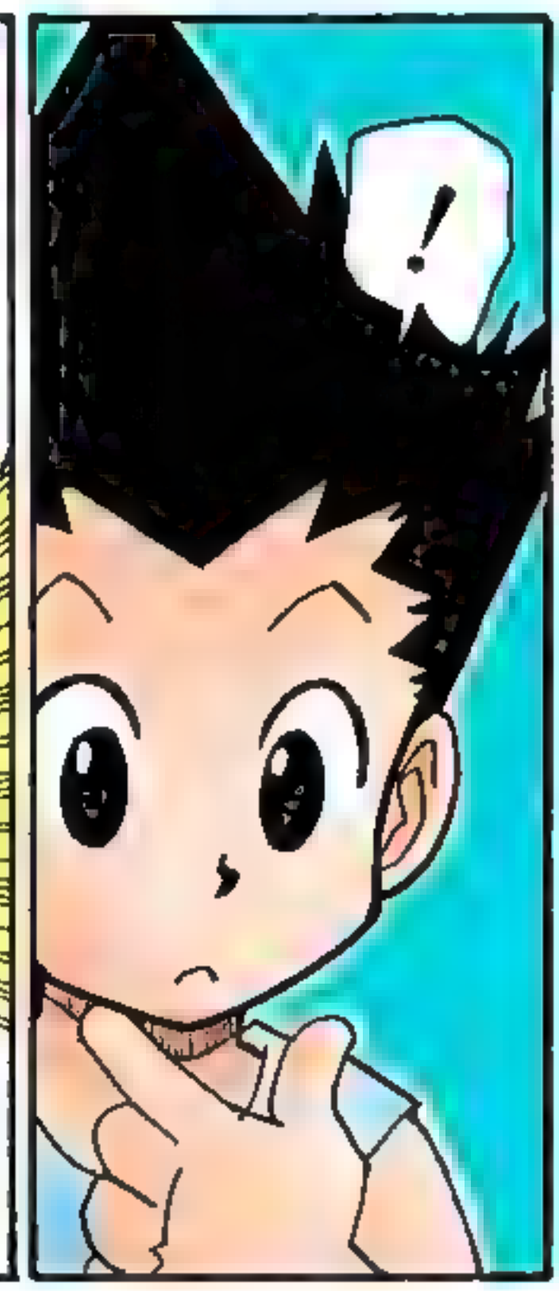

MY MASTER ORDERED ME TO ENJOY MY TIME WITH THE CHAINS ON MY OWN.
I STARTED TO TASTE THEM, SMELL THEM, AND STARED AT THEM FOR HOURS.
THEN I STARTED TO CLOSE MY EYES AND VISUALIZE THEM. I ALSO MADE DOZENS OF DRAWINGS OF THEM...
FOR THAT, I SPENT EVERY DAY WITH A REAL CHAIN IN MY HAND, BOTH DAY AND NIGHT.
WHEN I FIRST CONJURED MY CHAINS, I WORKED ON FORMING A MENTAL IMAGE AS WELL.


AND ONE DAY, I REALIZED THAT I WAS ABLE TO CONJURE THEM.
AS THE DAYS PASSED THEY FELT MORE REAL BY THAT TIME, I COULD EVEN FEEL AND HEAR MY CHAINS.
THEN I BEGAN TO HAVE VISIONS OF THEM.
THEN HE TOOK THE CHAINS AWAY FROM ME, BUT I STARTED TO HAVE DREAMS OF MY CHAINS.

HMM.
I TRAINED MY REN AND TEN, EVERYDAY.
BUT FOR EVERYTHING ELSE, I DID WHAT YOU BOTH ARE DOING.

MAYBE YOU CAN TELL ME WHAT I COULD BE DOING WRONG!
I CAN'T MAKE PROGRESS ON MY OWN, AND KILLUA IS GOING THROUGH HIS OWN SECRET TRAINING.
AND IF EVERYTHING GOES WELL, I'LL BE ABLE TO KEEP KURAPIKA HERE WHILE THE AUCTION GOES ON!


KURAPIKA!! MAKE ME YOUR STUDENT!!
THAT'S IT, I GOT IT!!
HUH?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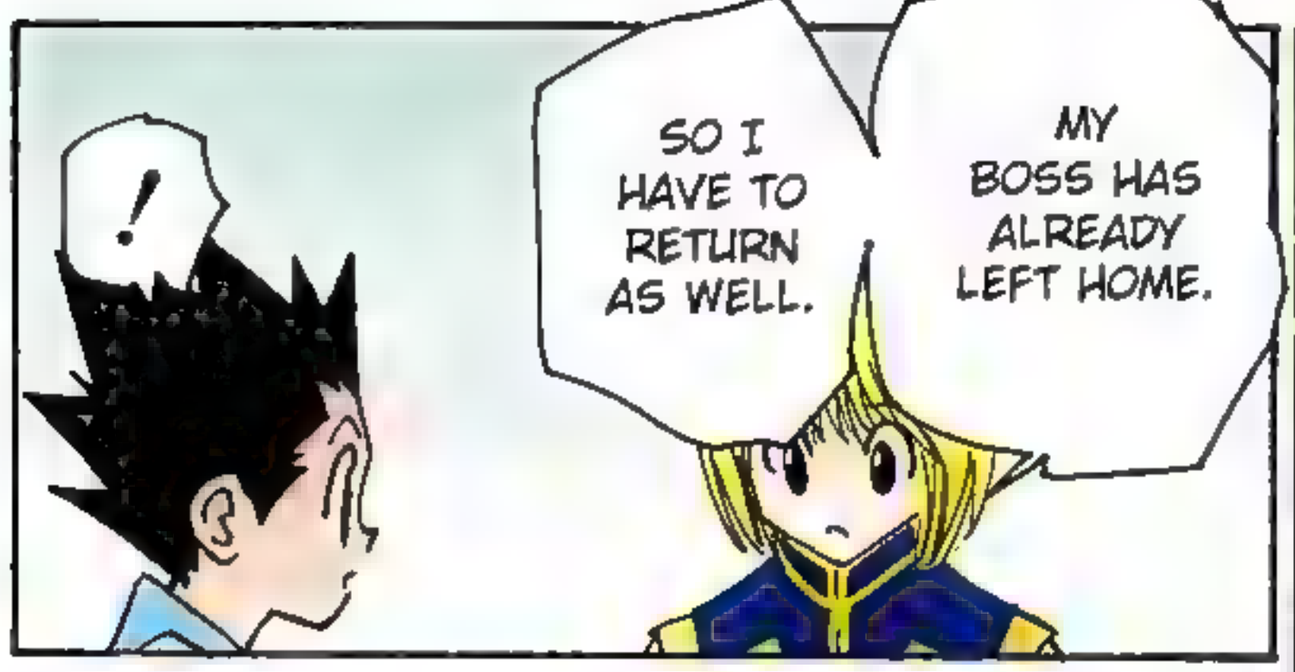
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SO I HAVE TO RETURN AS WELL.
MY BOSS HAS ALREADY LEFT HOME.

SORRY.
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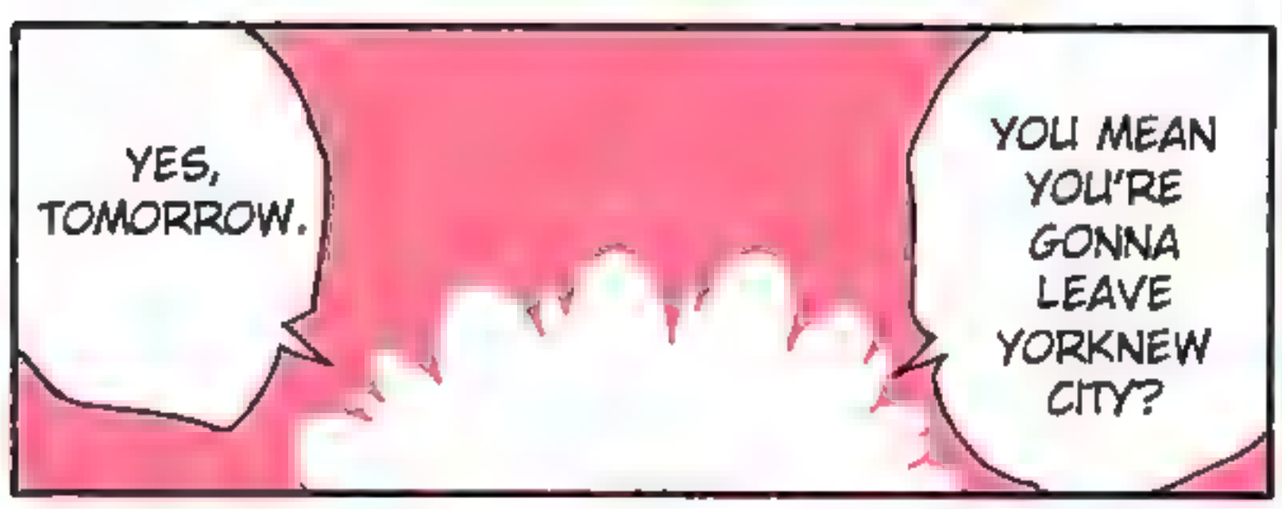
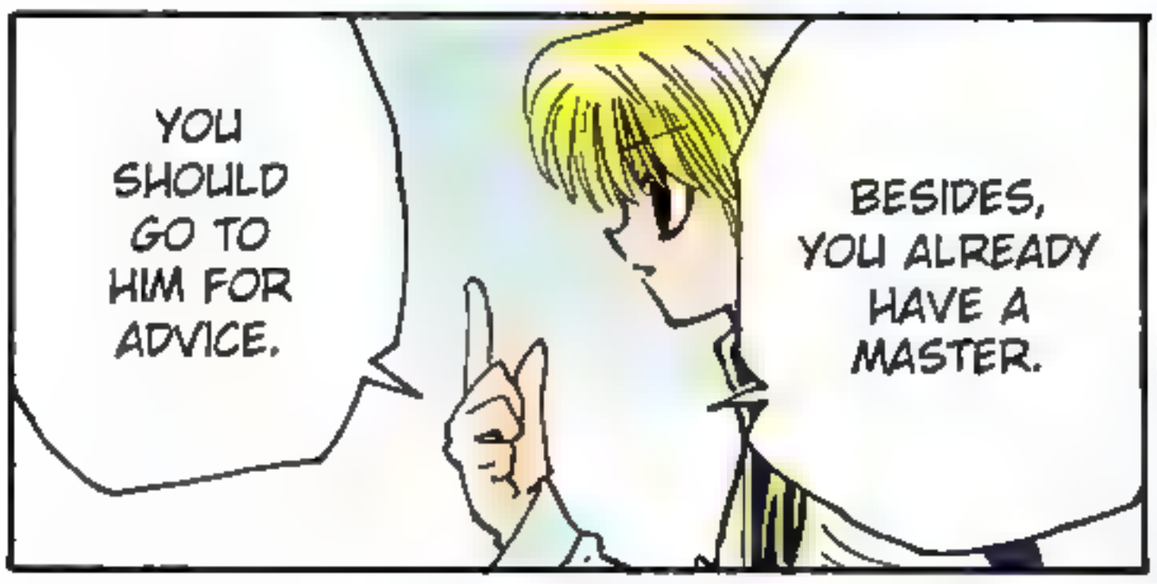
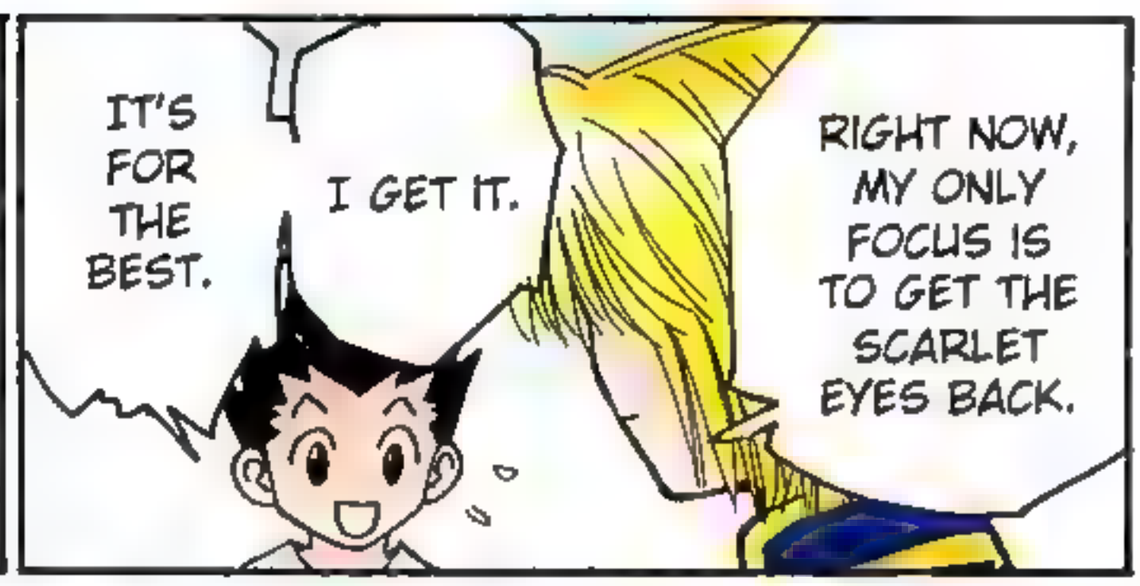
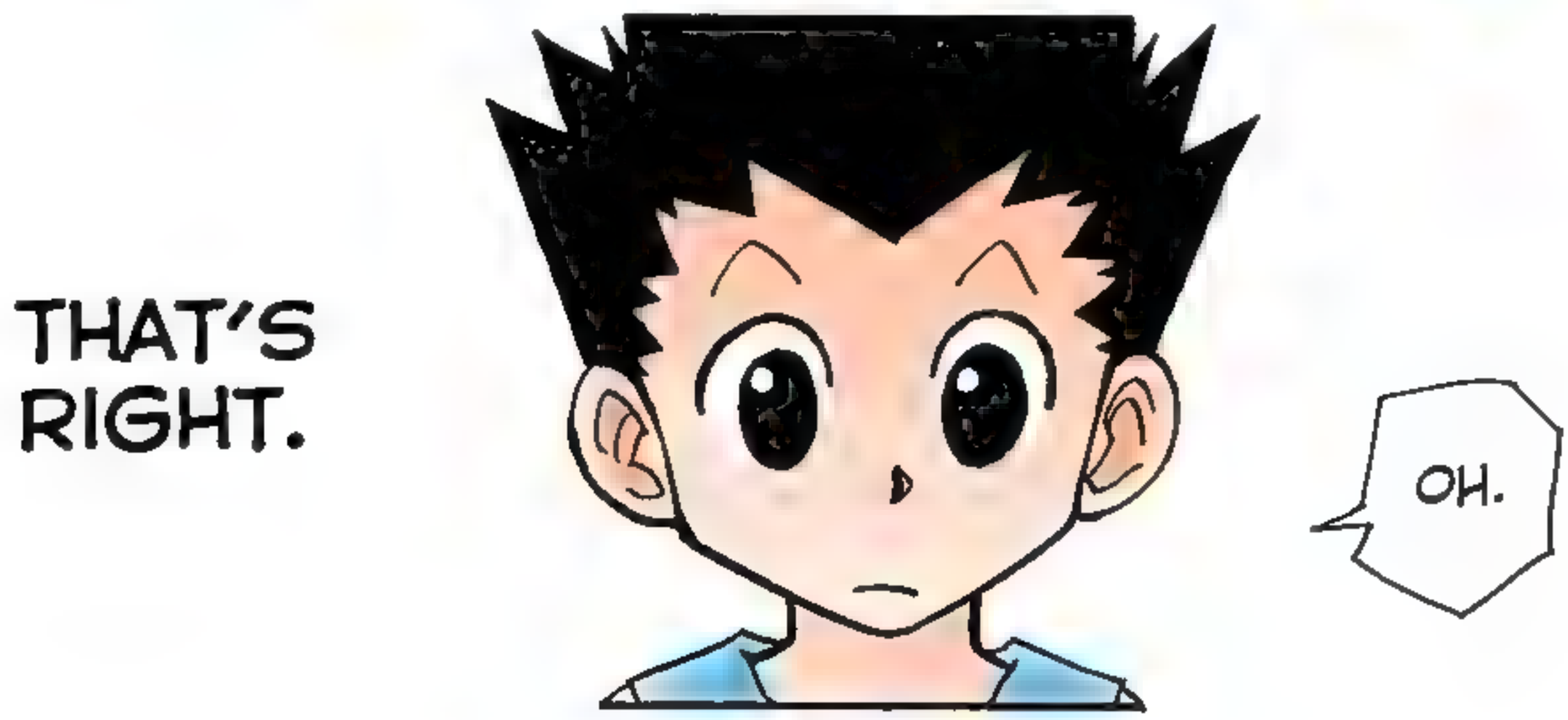
SORRY, BUT I'M AFRAID I CAN'T DO THAT.
URK.


YES, TOMORROW.
YOU MEAN YOU'RE GONNA LEAVE YORKNEW CITY?

TWO DAYS HAVE ALREADY PASSED SINCE WE LAST SAW EACH OTHER, SO THEY MUST HAVE ALREADY LEFT.
I HAVEN'T SETTLED THE SCORE WITH THE SPIDERS, BUT...


YOU SHOULD GO TO HIM FOR ADVICE.
BESIDES, YOU ALREADY HAVE A MASTER.


IT'S FOR THE BEST.
I GET IT.
RIGHT NOW, MY ONLY FOCUS IS TO GET THE SCARLET EYES BACK.


THAT'S RIGHT.
OH.

TO BE EXPECTED, COMING FROM YOU...
HAHAHA! SPECIAL TECHNIQUE YOU SAY.
ENHANCERS ARE THE MOST BALANCED GROUP THERE IS WHEN IT COMES TO OFFENSE AND DEFENSE.
HUH? BUT WHY?
I'LL GET RIGHT TO THE POINT, OR GET TO THE BOTTOM LINE BECAUSE ENHANCERS DON'T NEED ONE.
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BUT AS LONG AS YOU KEEP TRAINING YOUR TEN AND REN, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO STRIKE ENOUGH FORCE FOR IT TO BE DESTRUCTIVE.
YEAH...
I'M SURE THAT I DON'T NEED TO EXPLAIN MYSELF.
I DON'T KNOW THE DETAILS OF THE SITUATION, BUT DO NOT FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF YOUR FRIEND, KURAPIKA.
BUT THERE'S ONE THING YOU MUST KNOW...
BUT MASTER WING...
THE SHORTEST WAY TO GET BETTER IS TO KEEP PRACTICING YOUR TEN AND REN.
I DON'T HAVE THAT MUCH TIME!!
IT'S PROBABLY TRUE.
IF A PRO HUNTER TOLD YOU THAT YOU WERE LACKING SOMETHING...

I WOULD BE VERY DISAPPOINTED IF YOU JUST SHOWED OFF YOUR SPECIAL TECHNIQUE.

IF I WERE YOUR EXAMINER...

GON...

I HAVE TO PASS THE SELECTION TEST ON THE 10TH!!

YOU AUTOMATICALLY SEE A PARTICULAR FORCE AND RISK, BUT...

I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY YOU WOULD WANT SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

...BACK WHEN YOU WERE FIRST HERE IN THE HEAVENS ARENA.

ACTUALLY, YOU WERE PLENTY POWERFUL ENOUGH...

AND YOU'LL SEE THE ANSWER IS OBVIOUS.

REMEMBER, YOU NEED TO REFLECT ON EACH OF THE THINGS YOU ARE CAPABLE OF.

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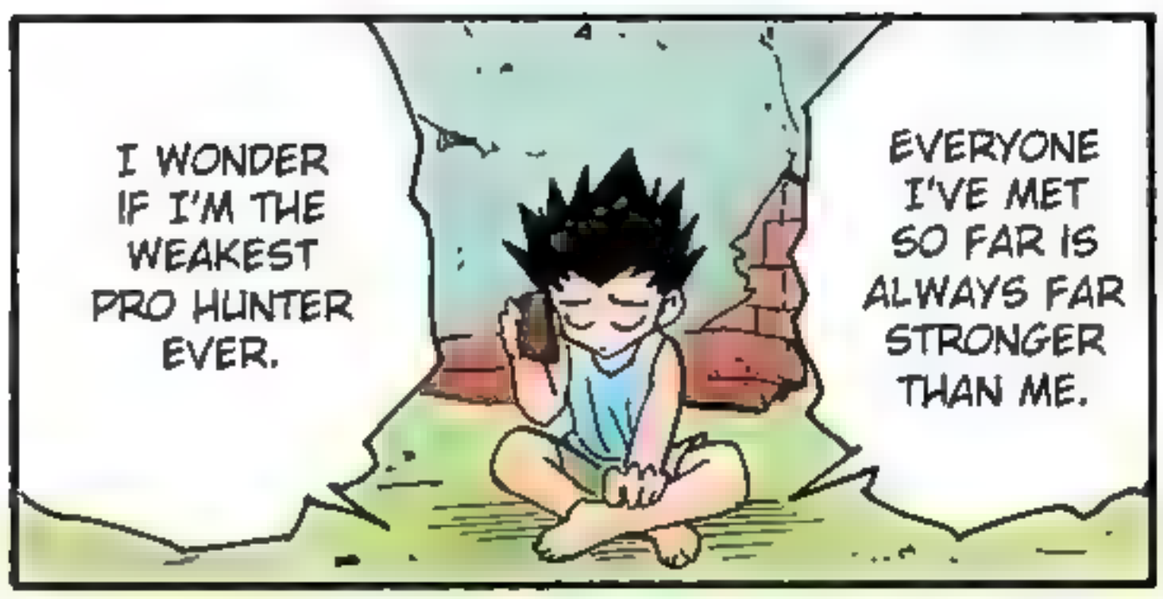
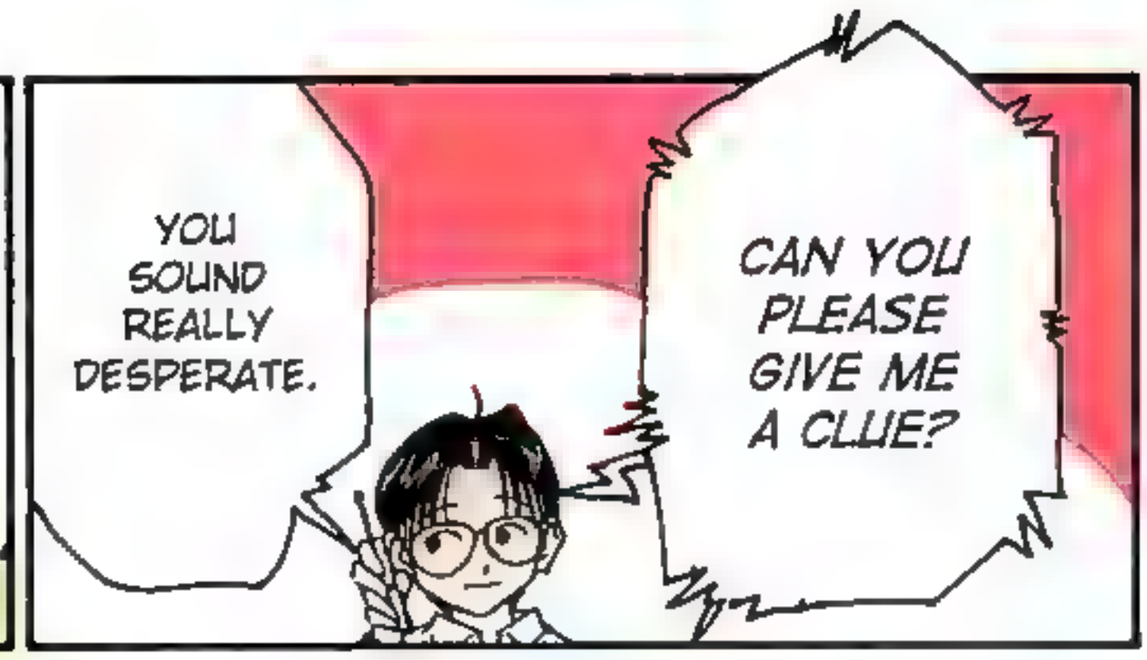
FFSSSSH...
BOM!

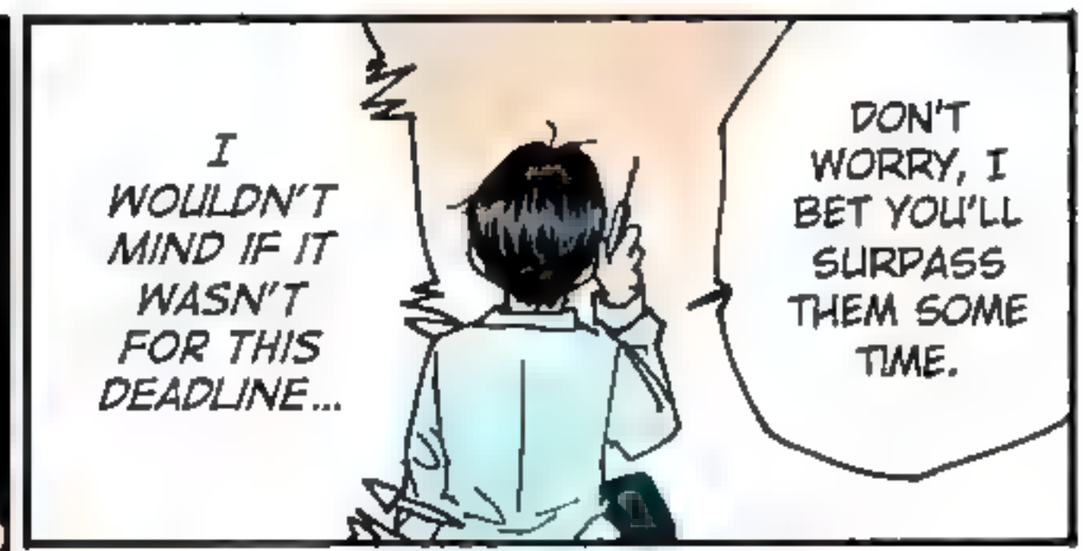
OF COURSE.

YOU REALLY THINK SO?!

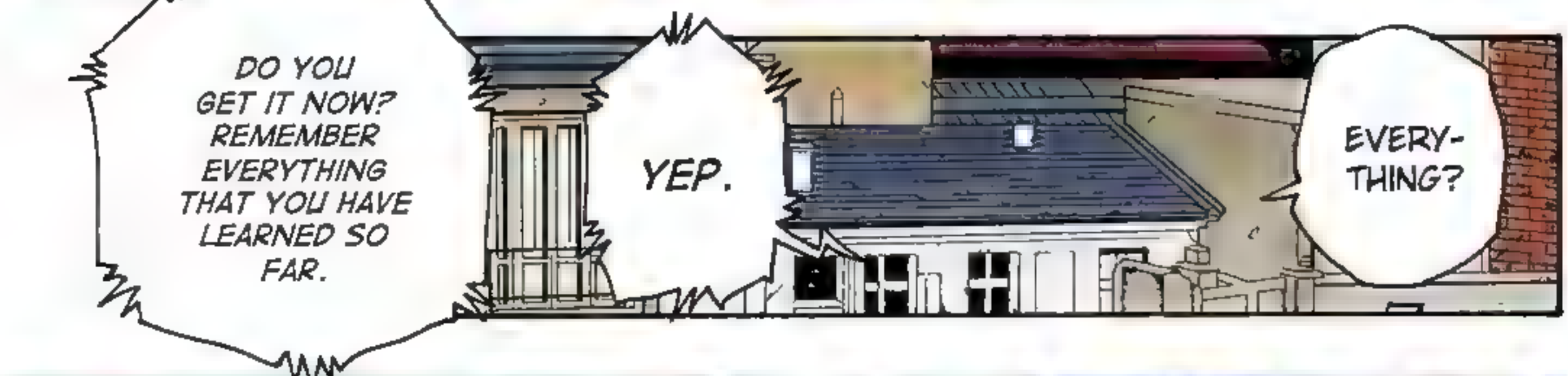

I WONDER IF I'M THE WEAKEST PRO HUNTER EVER.
EVERYONE I'VE MET SO FAR IS ALWAYS FAR STRONGER THAN ME.

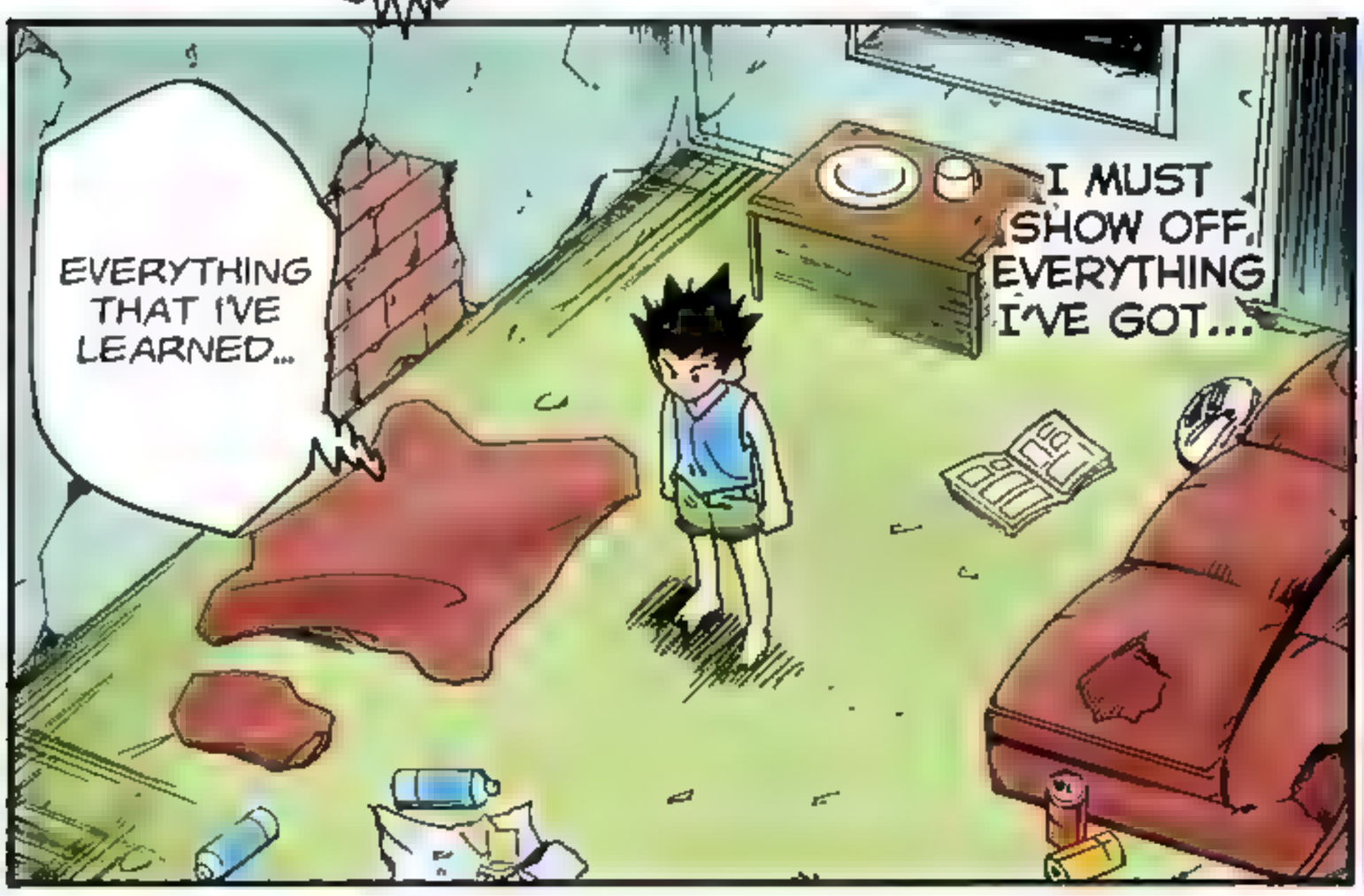

YOU SOUND REALLY DESPERATE.
CAN YOU PLEASE GIVE ME A CLUE?

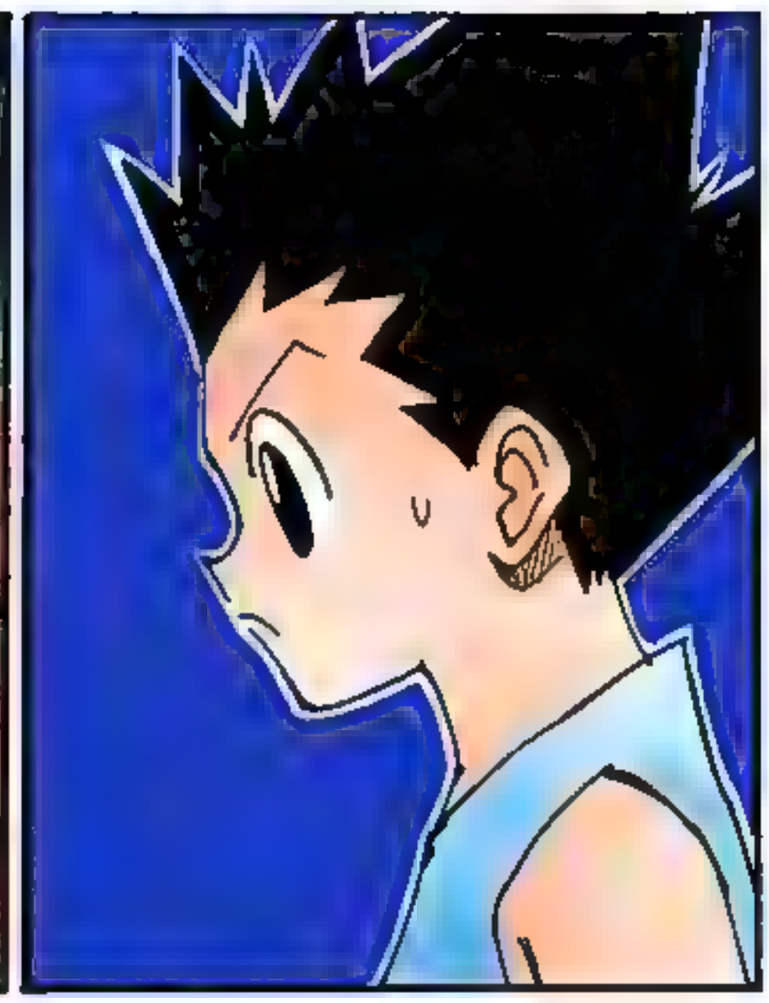
NEXT TIME, SHOW HIM EVERYTHING AT ONCE.


I WOULDN'T MIND IF IT WASN'T FOR THIS DEADLINE...
DON'T WORRY, I BET YOU'LL SURPASS THEM SOME TIME.

YOU SHOWED THIS PERSON YOUR "REN", RIGHT?
YEAH.
ALRIGHT, I'LL TRY TO GIVE YOU A HINT.


DO YOU GET IT NOW? REMEMBER EVERYTHING THAT YOU HAVE LEARNED SO FAR.
YEP.
EVERY-THING?


EVERYTHING THAT I'VE LEARNED...
I MUST SHOW OFF EVERYTHING I'VE GOT...



"ZETSU"!!

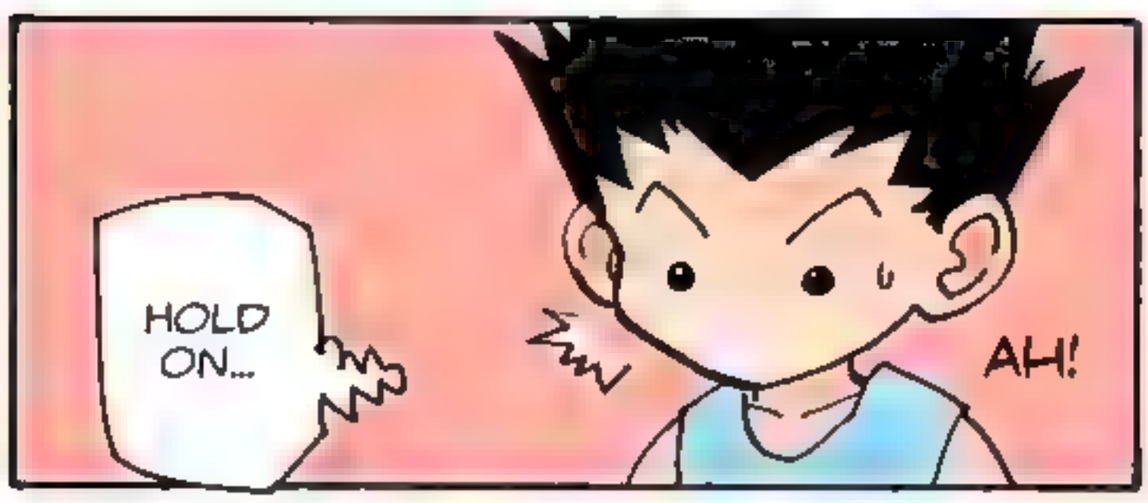
CLOSING MY VITAL POINTS AND COMPLETELY CONTAINING THE AURA RADIATING THEM!!

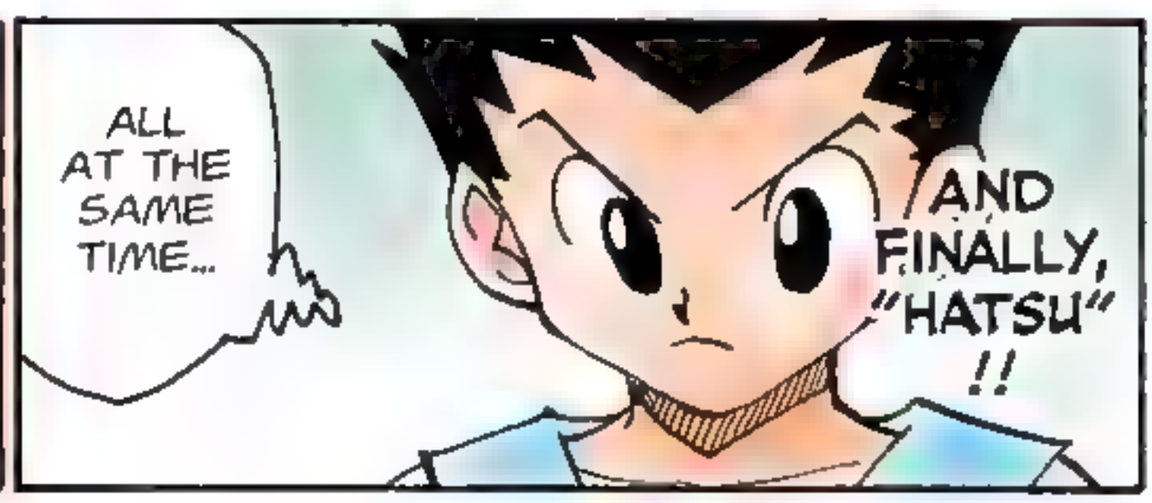
"TEN"!!

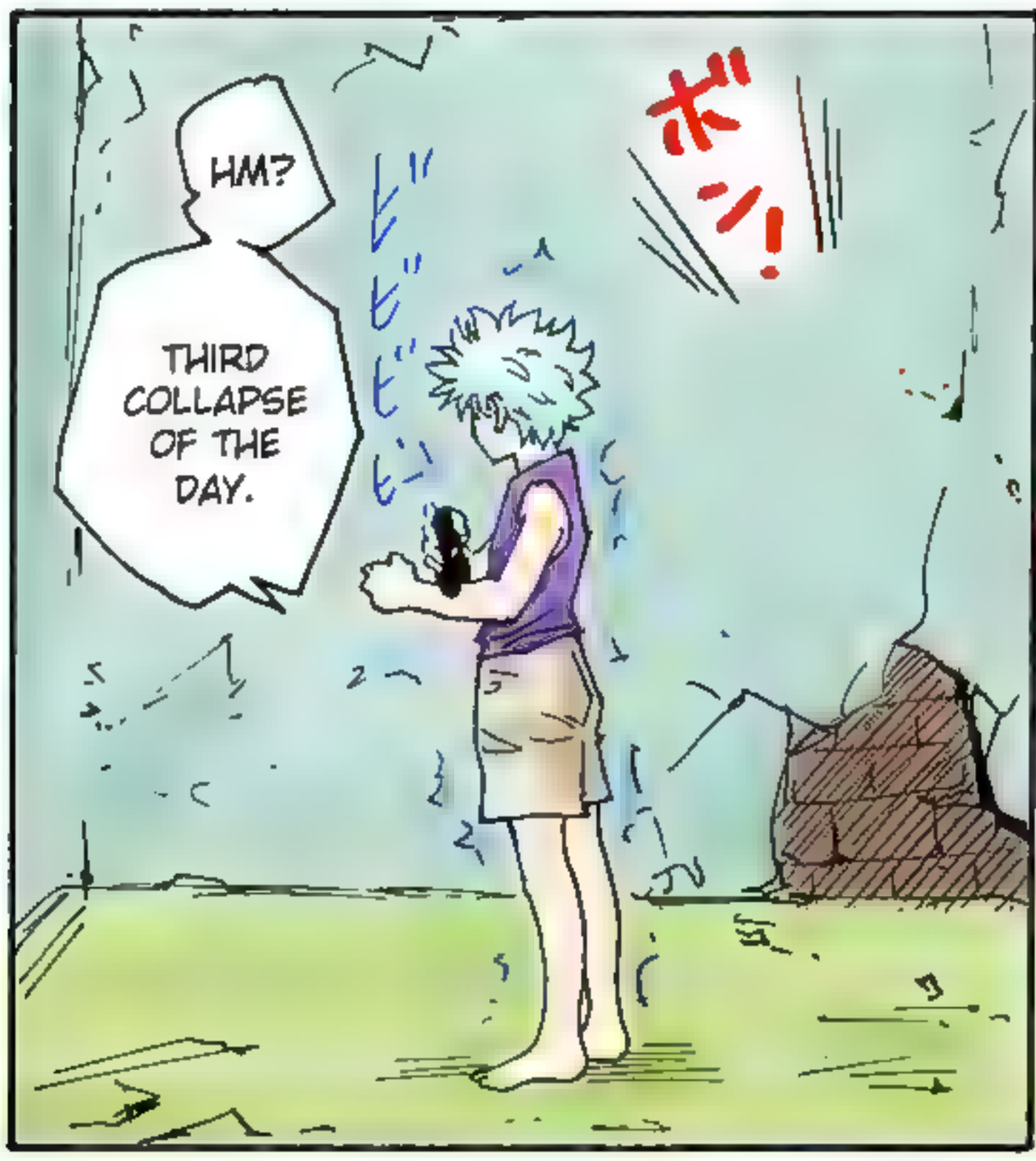
SURROUNDING MY BODY WITH AN AURA EMANATING FROM MY VITAL POINTS!!

"REN"!!

OPENING MY VITAL POINTS TO THEIR MAXIMUM AND EXPELLING THE MOST AURA THAT EMERGES!!



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THIRD COLLAPSE OF THE DAY.
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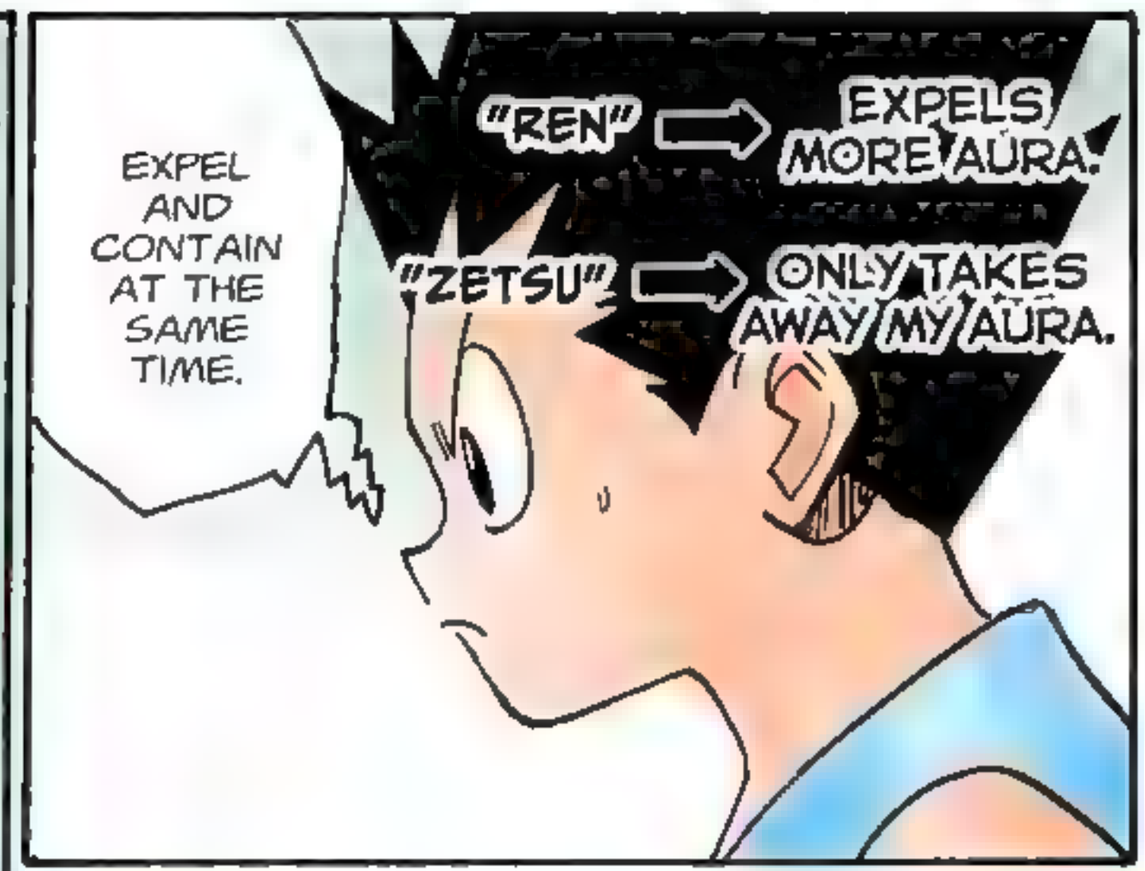
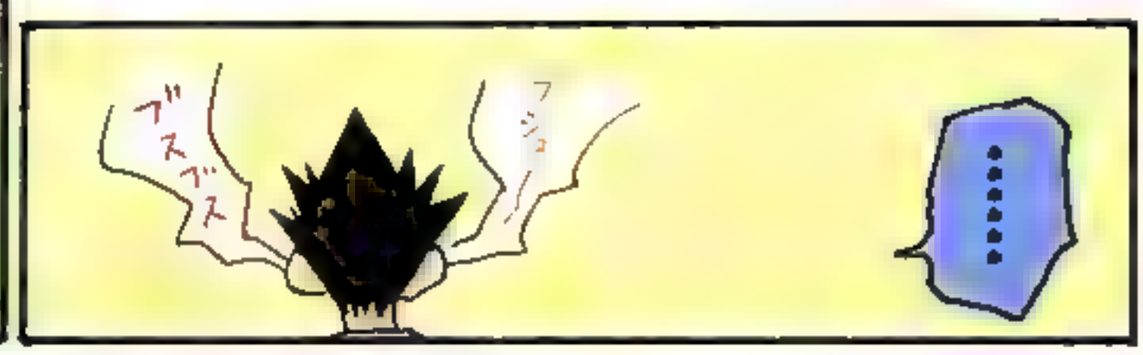

EXPEL AND CONTAIN AT THE SAME TIME.
"REN" ⟹ EXPELS MORE AURA.
"ZETSU" ⟹ ONLY TAKES AWAY MY AURA.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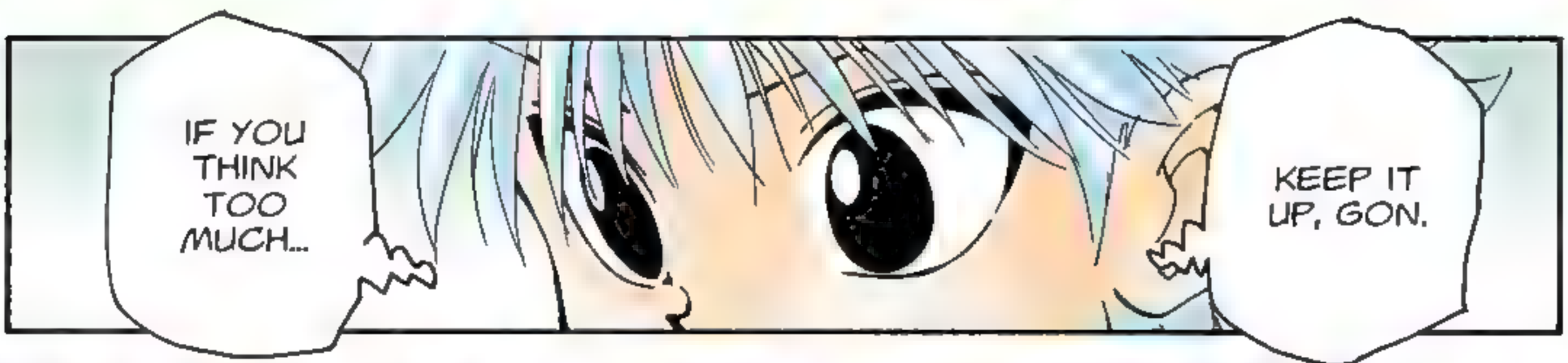
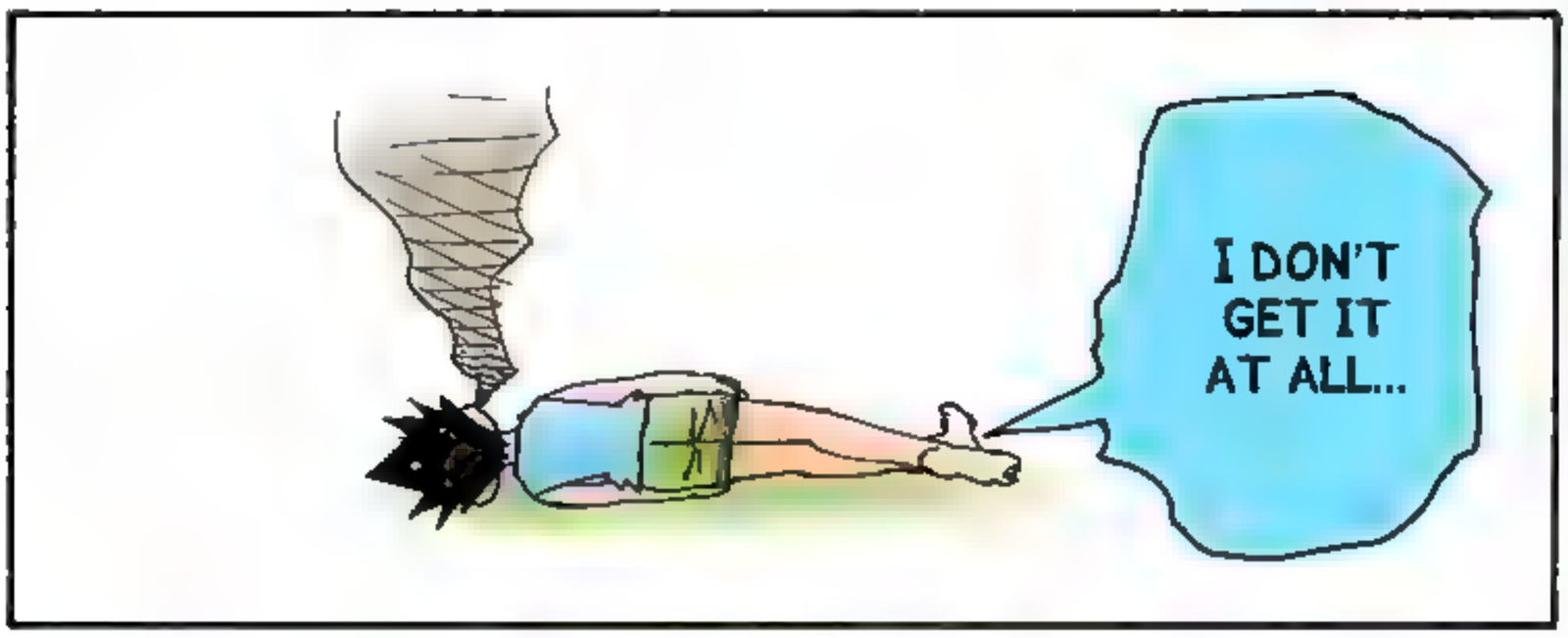
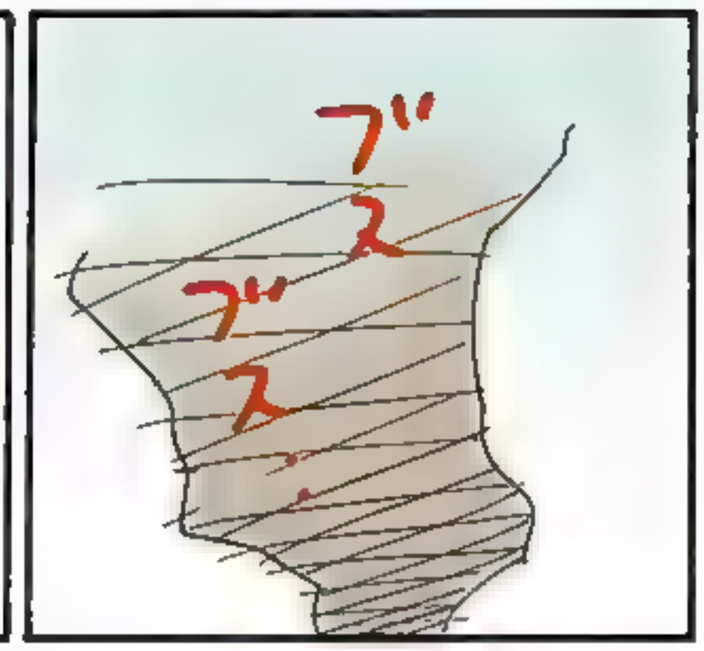
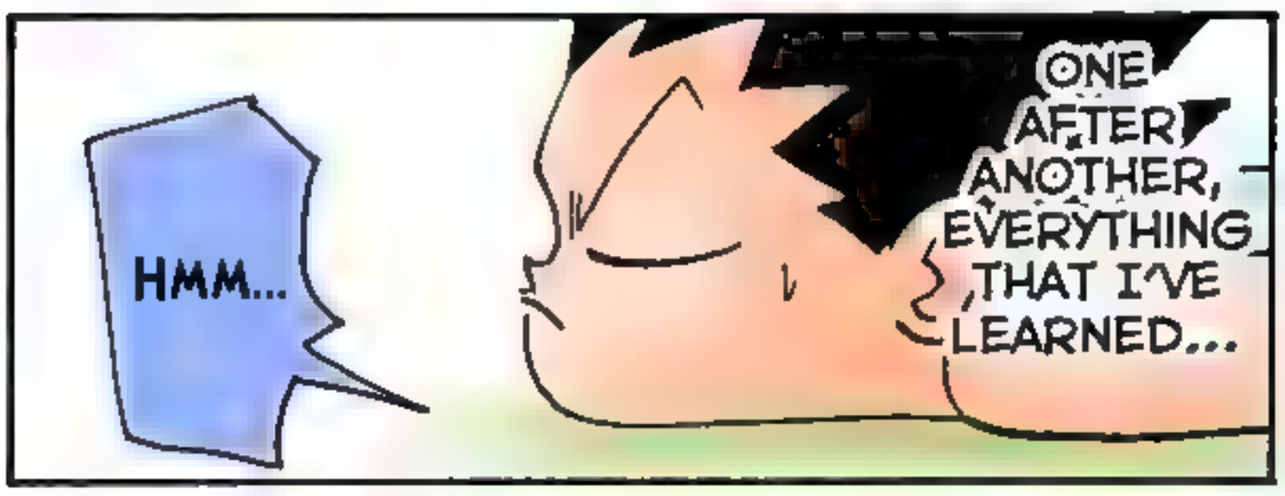
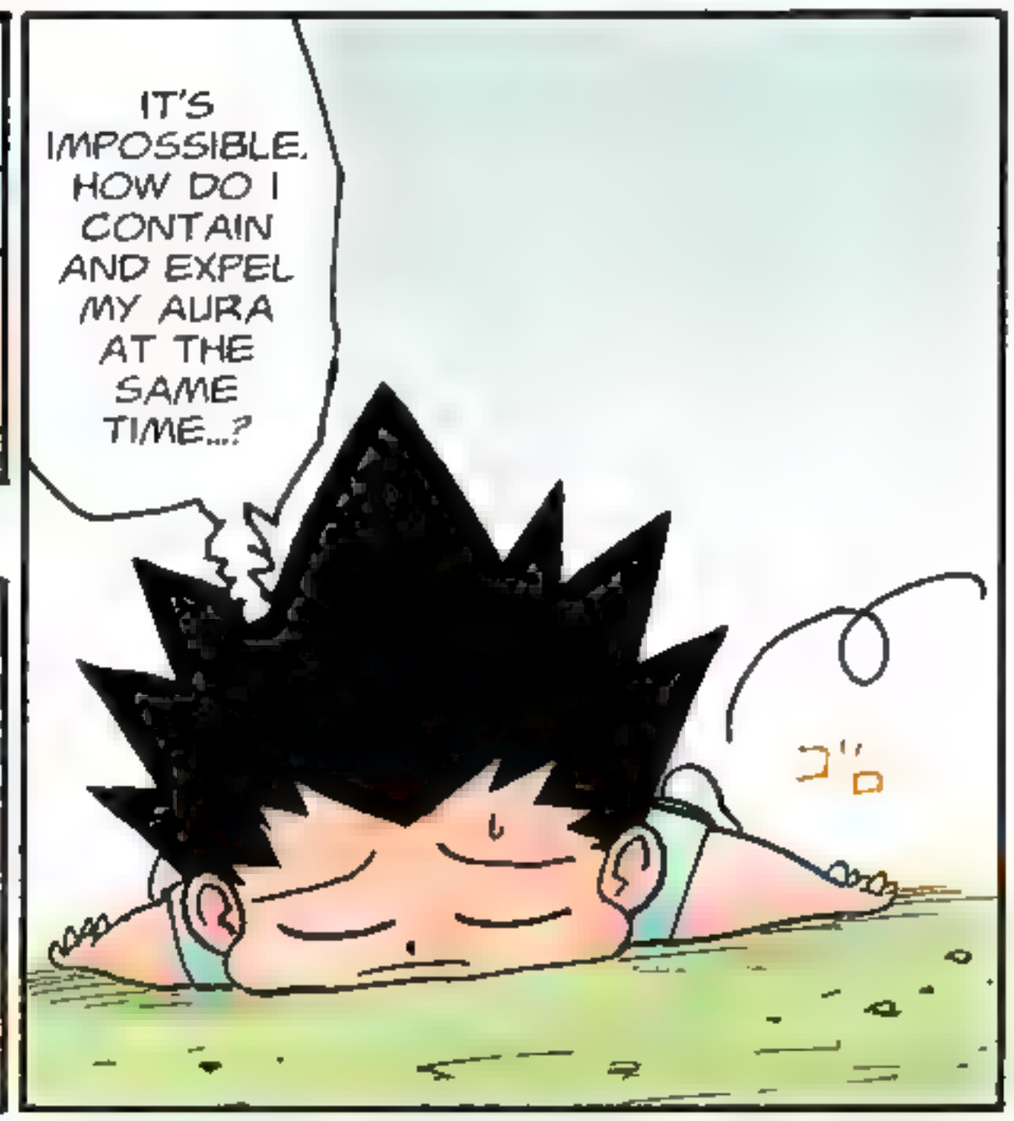

IF YOU THINK TOO MUCH...
KEEP IT UP, GON.

...I'LL LEAVE YOU IN MY WAKE !!









THIS LED TO ME MASTERING MY "ZETSU"...

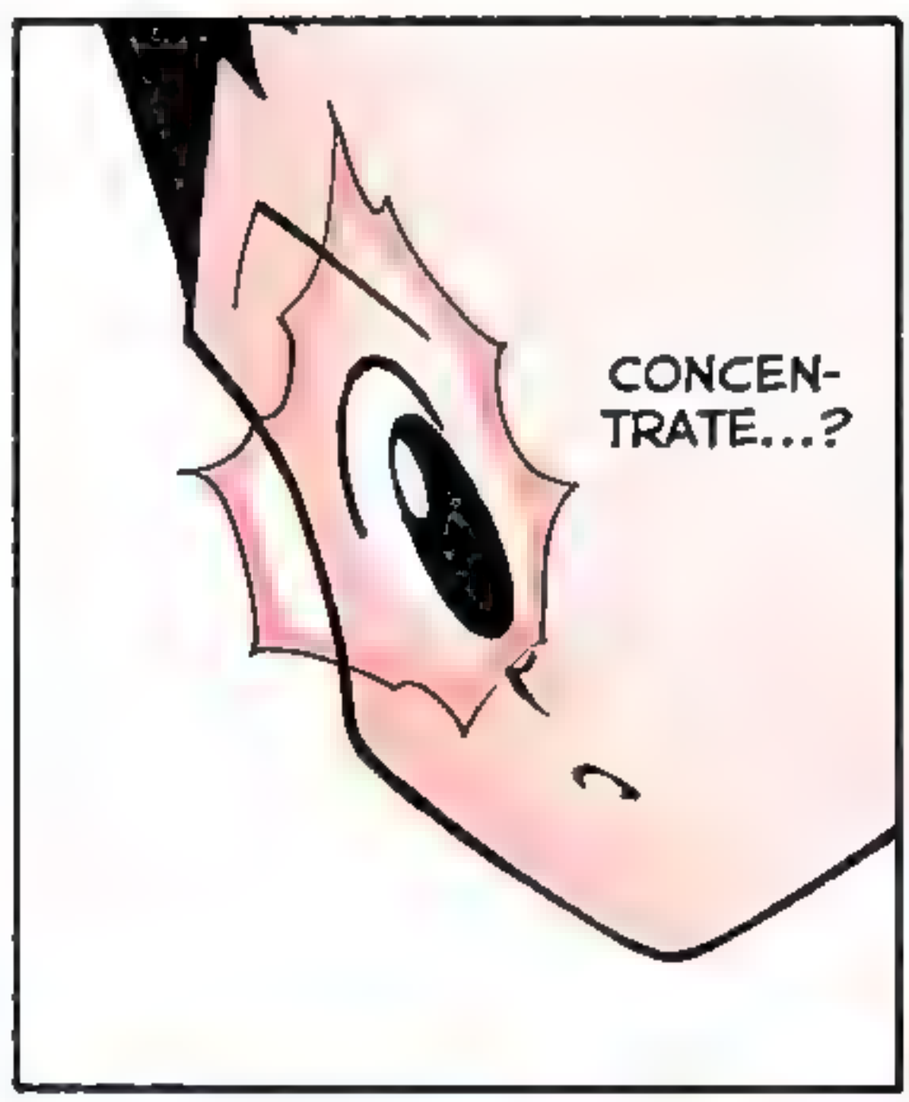
IN THE BEGINNING, I THINK WE ONLY KNEW OF "TEN". I FOUGHT FOR THE FIRST TIME AND GOT SEVERELY WOUNDED.

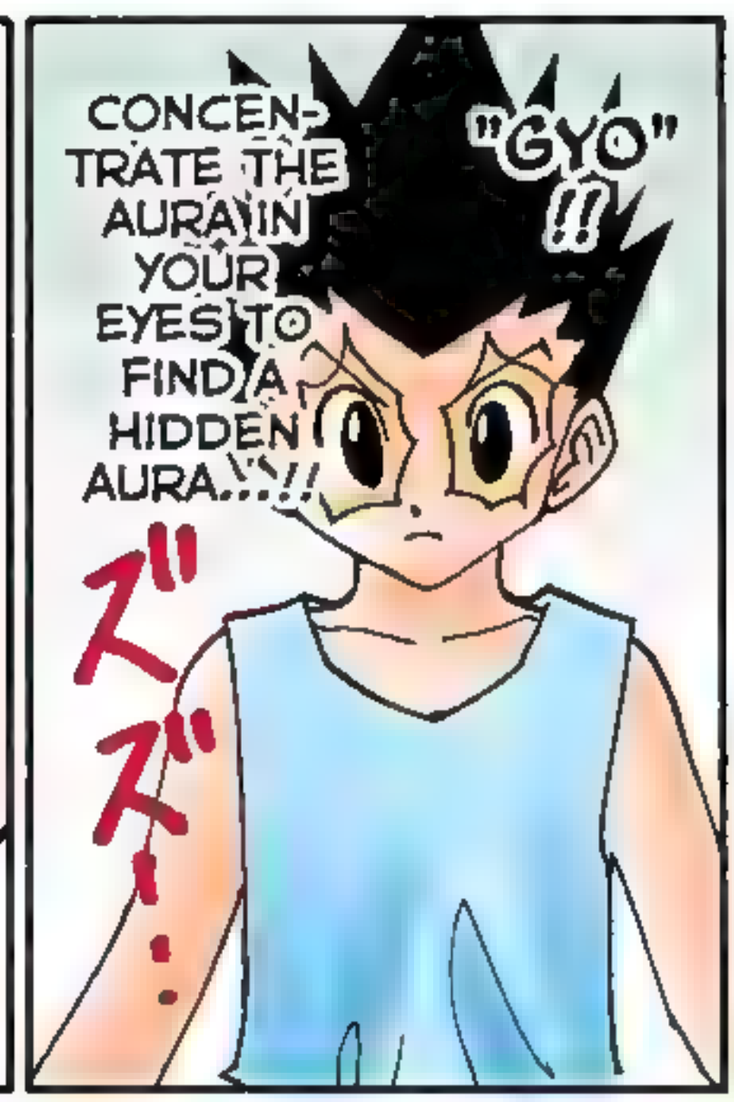
WING MADE US AWARE OF OUR NEN WHEN WE FIRST MET.

"GYO" ?!

TO SEE THROUGH HISOKA'S TECHNIQUES, WE LEARNED "GYO"...

AND THEN...


CONCEN-TRATE...?


CONCEN-TRATE THE AURA IN YOUR EYES TO FIND A HIDDEN AURA...!!
"GYO" !!
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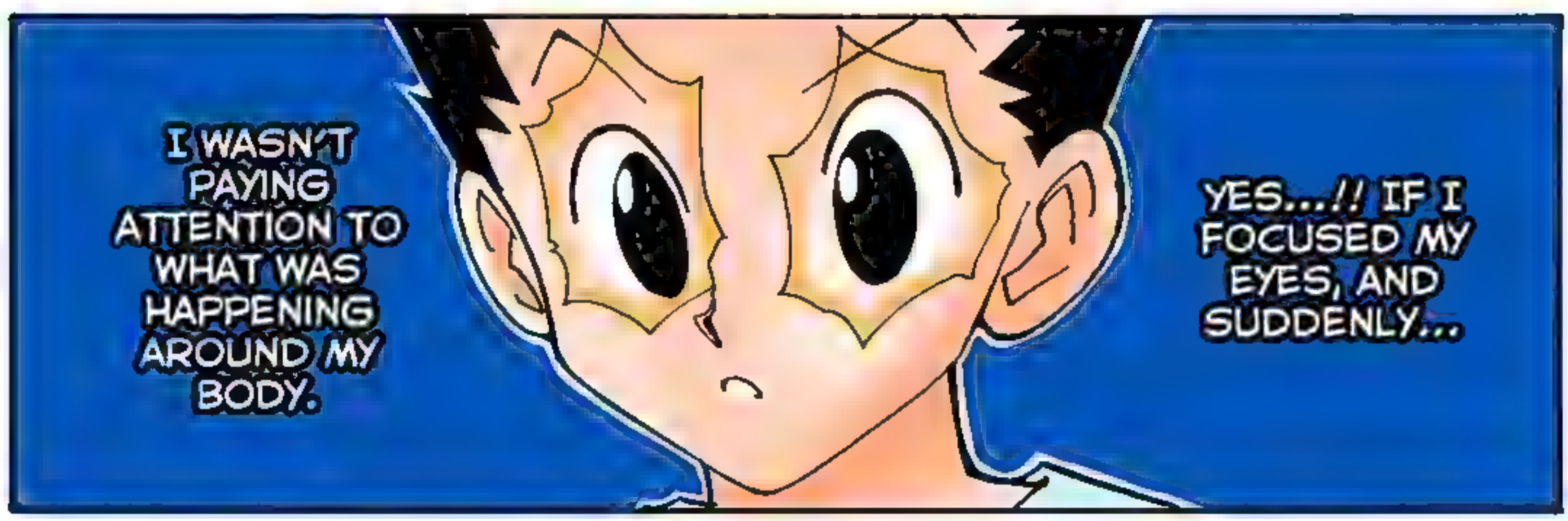
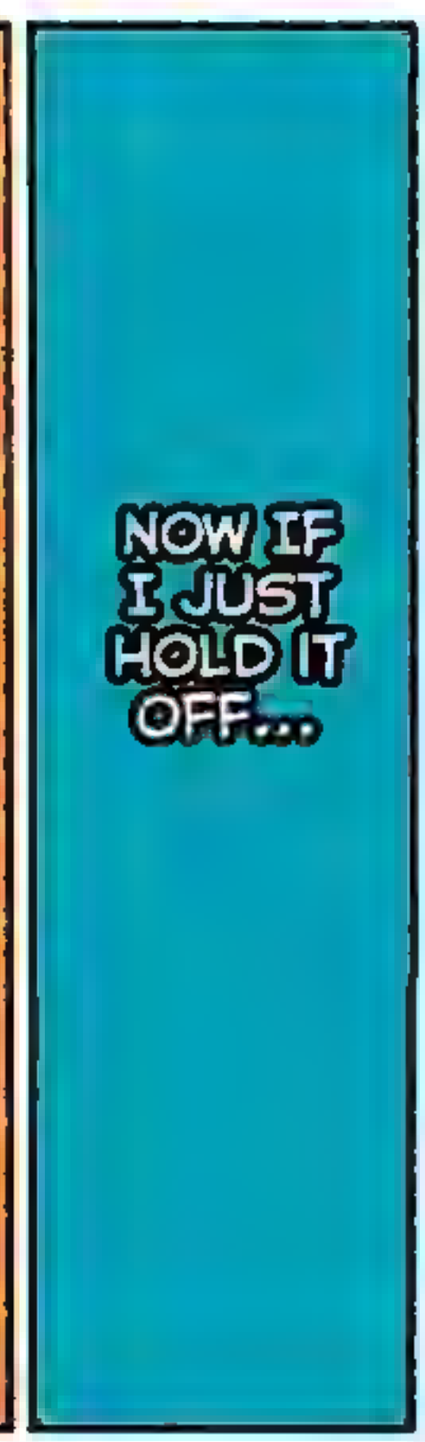
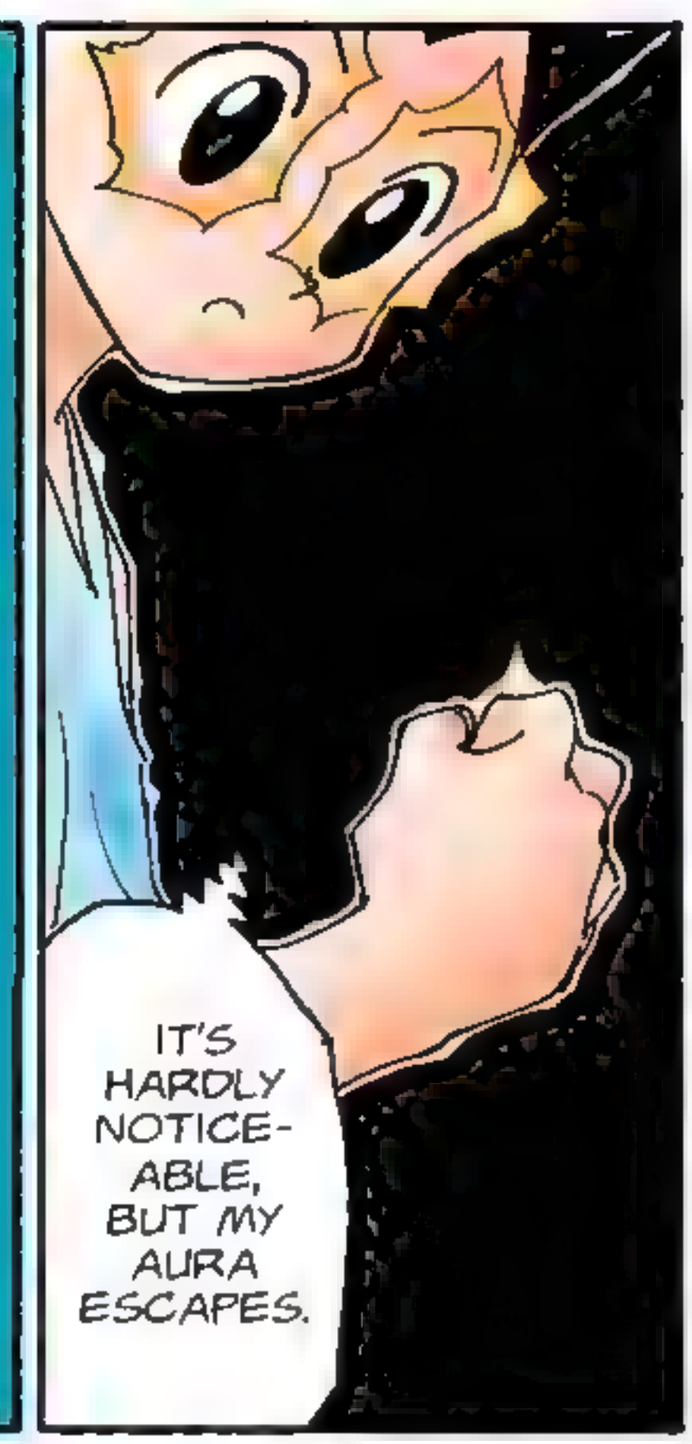
I FORGOT ABOUT "GYO"!!
THAT'S RIGHT!!


I WASN'T PAYING ATTENTION TO WHAT WAS HAPPENING AROUND MY BODY.
YES...!! IF I FOCUSED MY EYES, AND SUDDENLY...

I'LL BE ABLE TO DO THEM ALL AT THE SAME TIME!!


NOW IF I JUST HOLD IT OFF...


IT'S HARDLY NOTICE-ABLE, BUT MY AURA ESCAPES.

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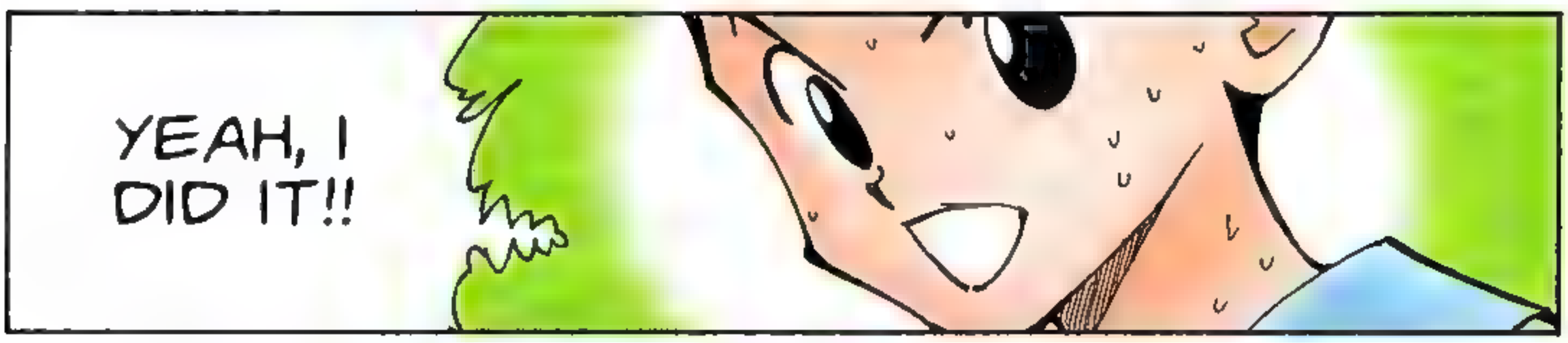
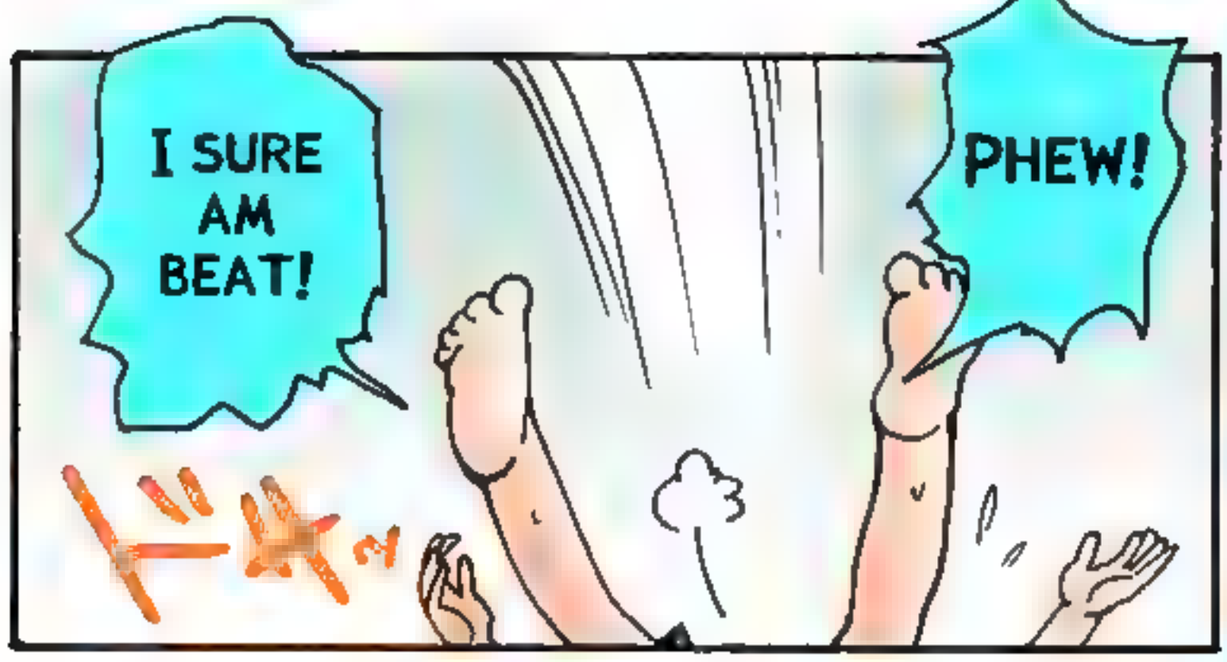
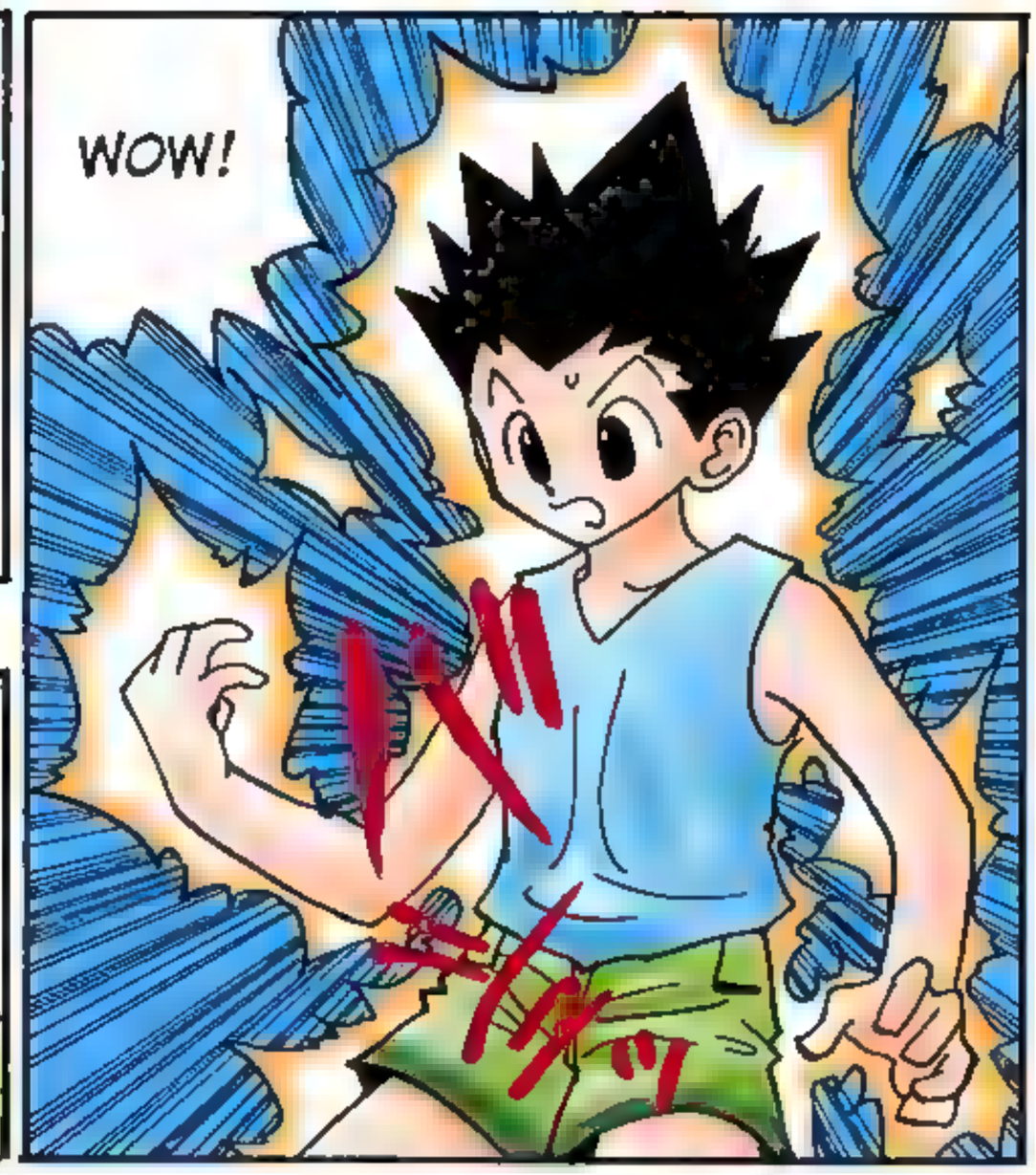
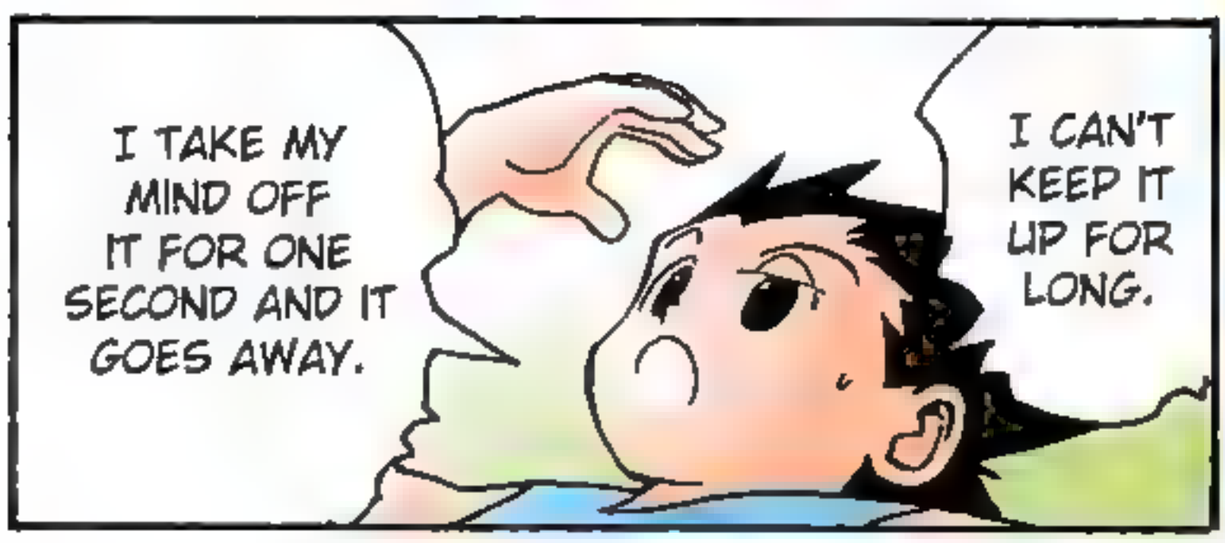
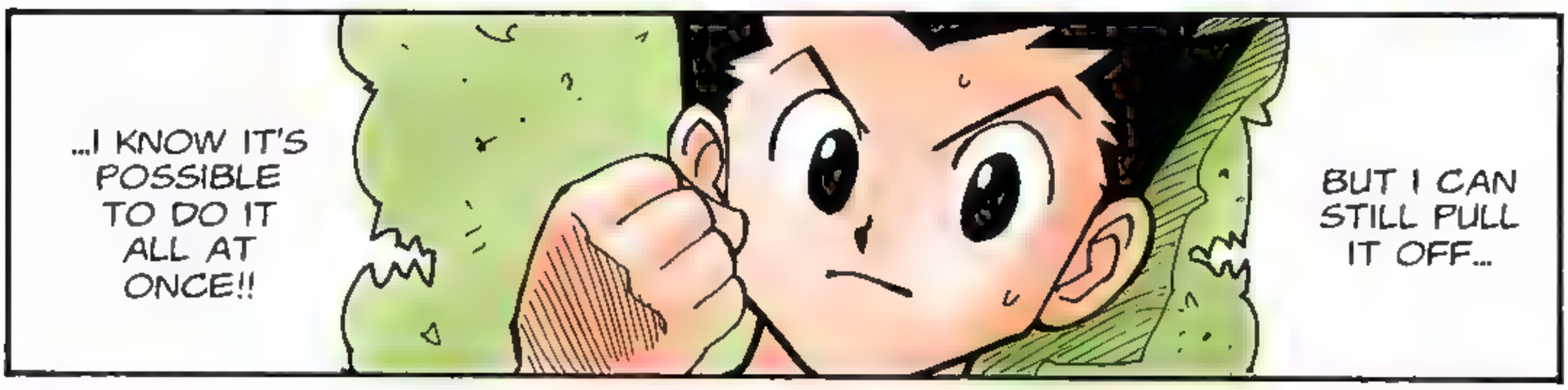
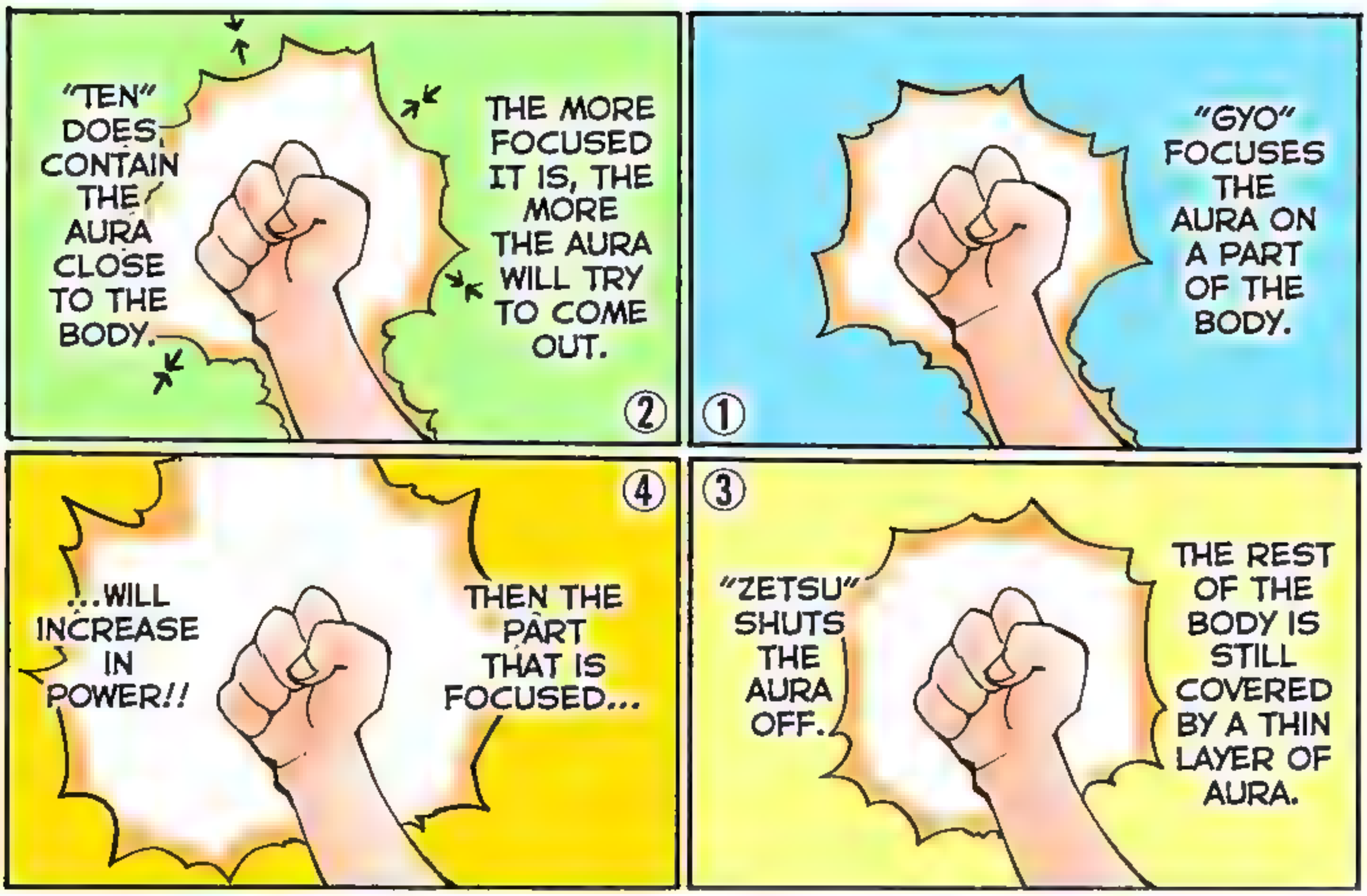



I SURE AM BEAT!
PHEW!


WOW!


I TAKE MY MIND OFF IT FOR ONE SECOND AND IT GOES AWAY.
I CAN'T KEEP IT UP FOR LONG.


...I KNOW IT'S POSSIBLE TO DO IT ALL AT ONCE!!
BUT I CAN STILL PULL IT OFF...


"TEN" DOES CONTAIN THE AURA CLOSE TO THE BODY.
THE MORE FOCUSED IT IS, THE MORE THE AURA WILL TRY TO COME OUT.
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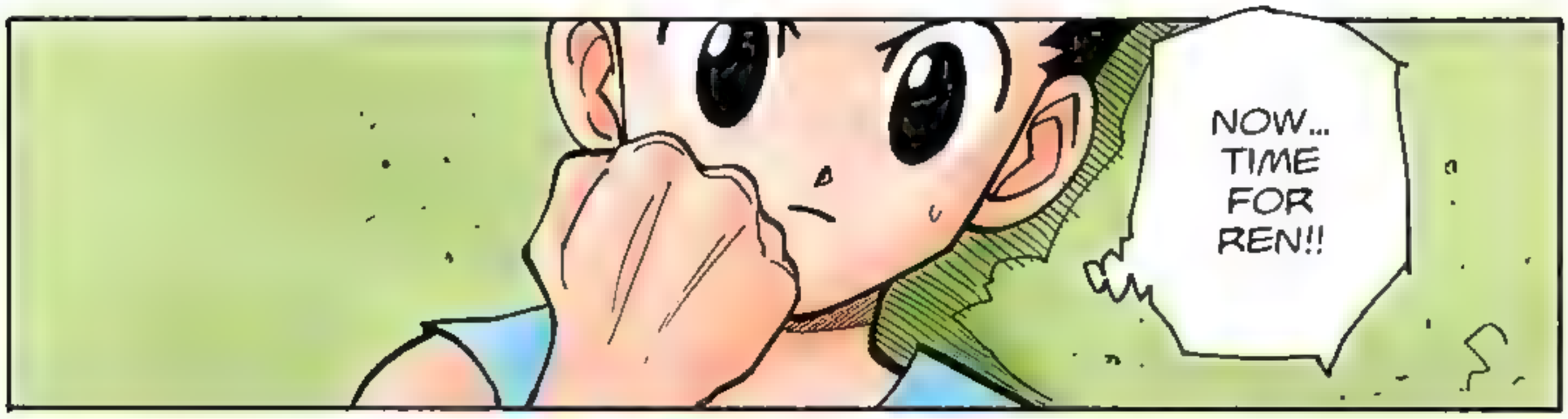
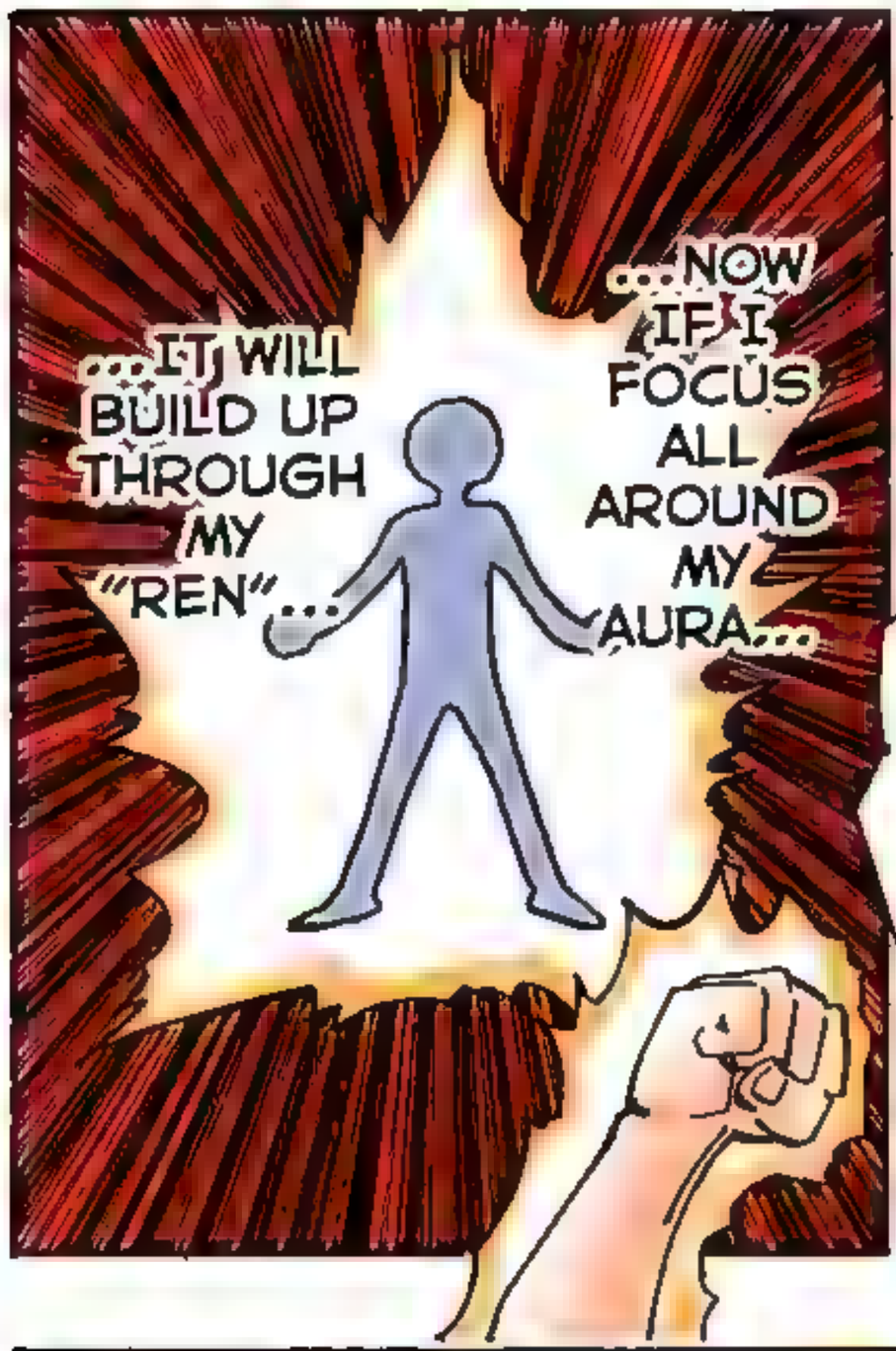
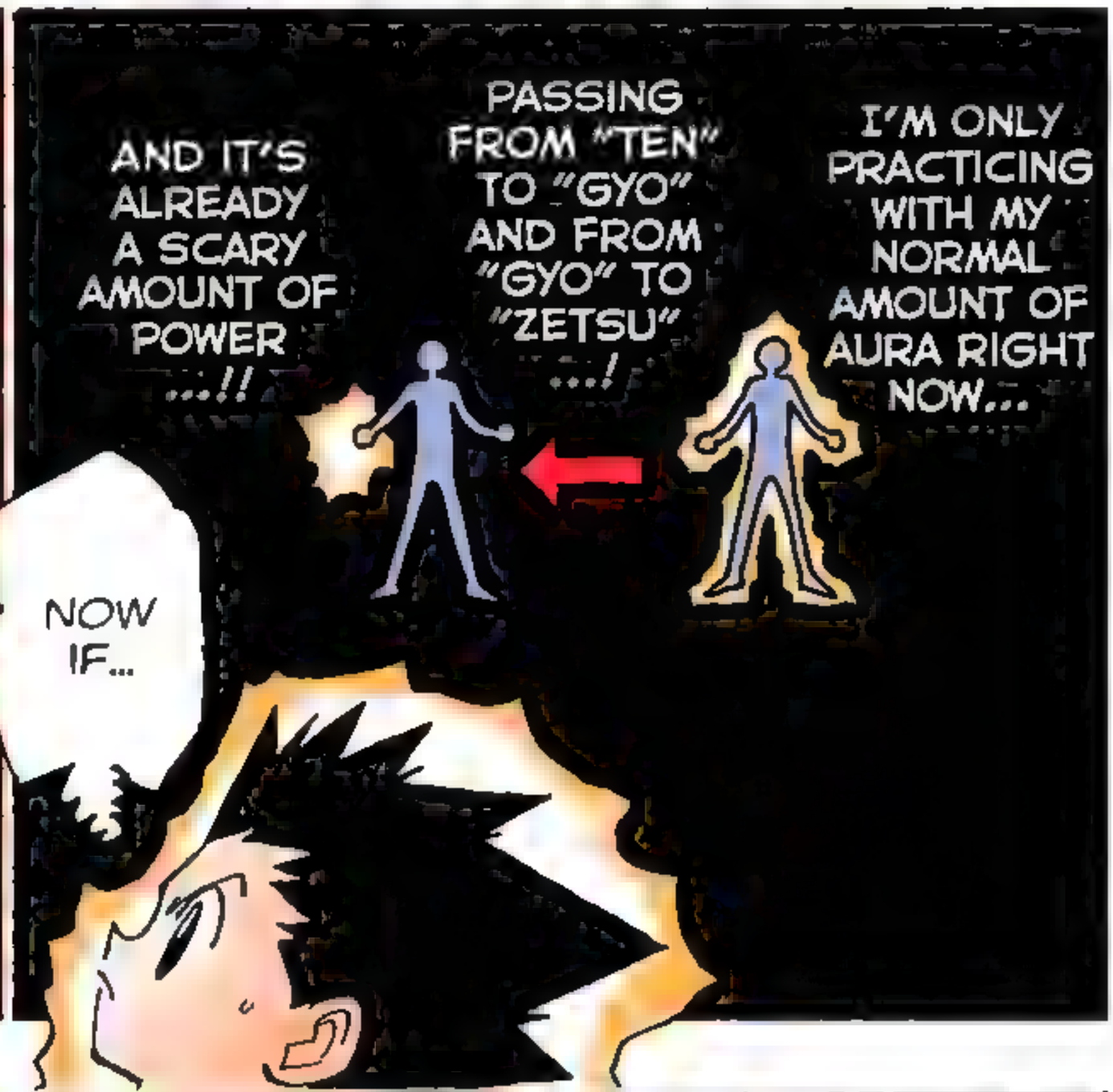
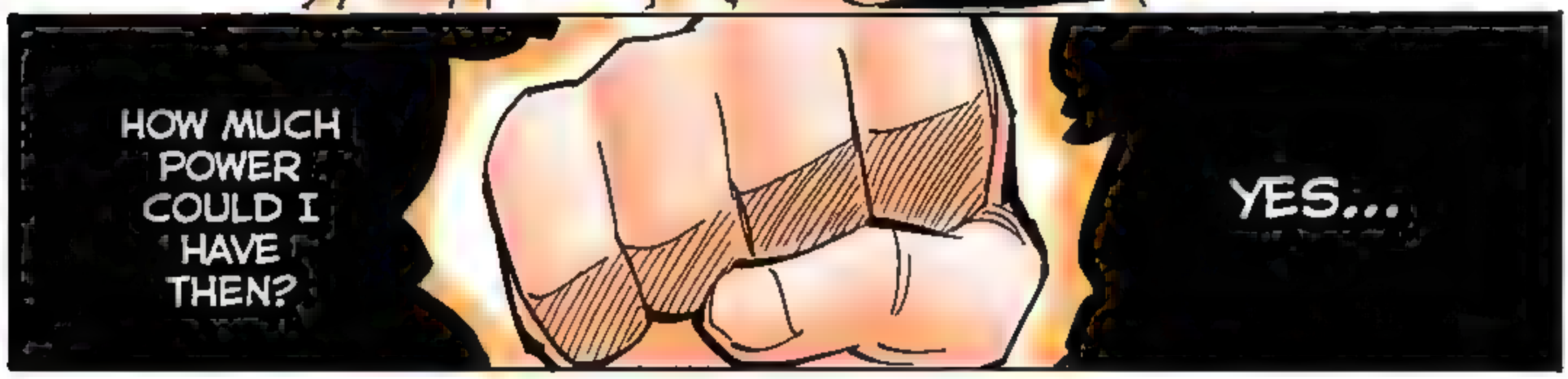
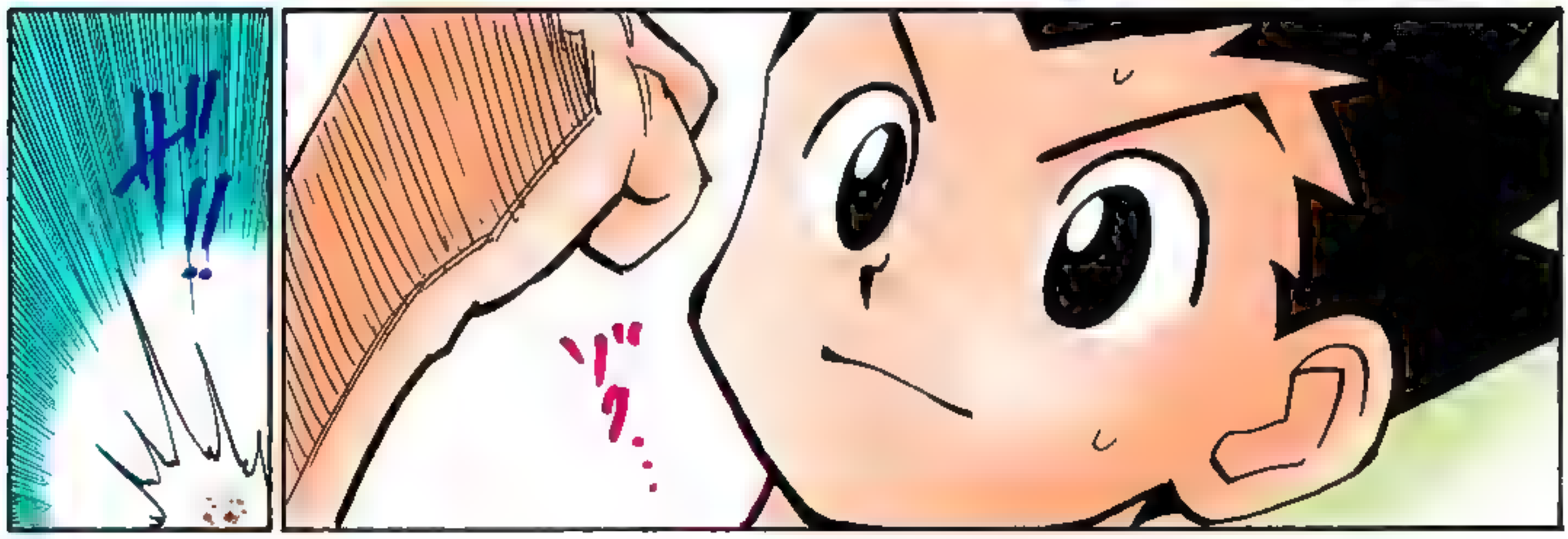
"GYO" FOCUSES THE AURA ON A PART OF THE BODY.
4
...WILL INCREASE IN POWER!!
THEN THE PART THAT IS FOCUSED...
3
"ZETSU" SHUTS THE AURA OFF.
THE REST OF THE BODY IS STILL COVERED BY A THIN LAYER OF AURA.


NOW... TIME FOR REN!!


...IT WILL BUILD UP THROUGH MY "REN"...
...NOW IF I FOCUS ALL AROUND MY AURA...


AND IT'S ALREADY A SCARY AMOUNT OF POWER ...!!
PASSING FROM "TEN" TO "GYO" AND FROM "GYO" TO "ZETSU" ...!
I'M ONLY PRACTICING WITH MY NORMAL AMOUNT OF AURA RIGHT NOW...
NOW IF...


HOW MUCH POWER COULD I HAVE THEN?
YES...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I HAVE TO MASTER AND PERFECT THE PASSING OF ONE STAGE TO ANOTHER!!

BUT BEFORE THAT...

I WANT TO TRY IT!!

THAT FORCE!!

SLOW AND STEADY IS THE WAY TO GO.

REMEM-BER... PATIENCE, GON.

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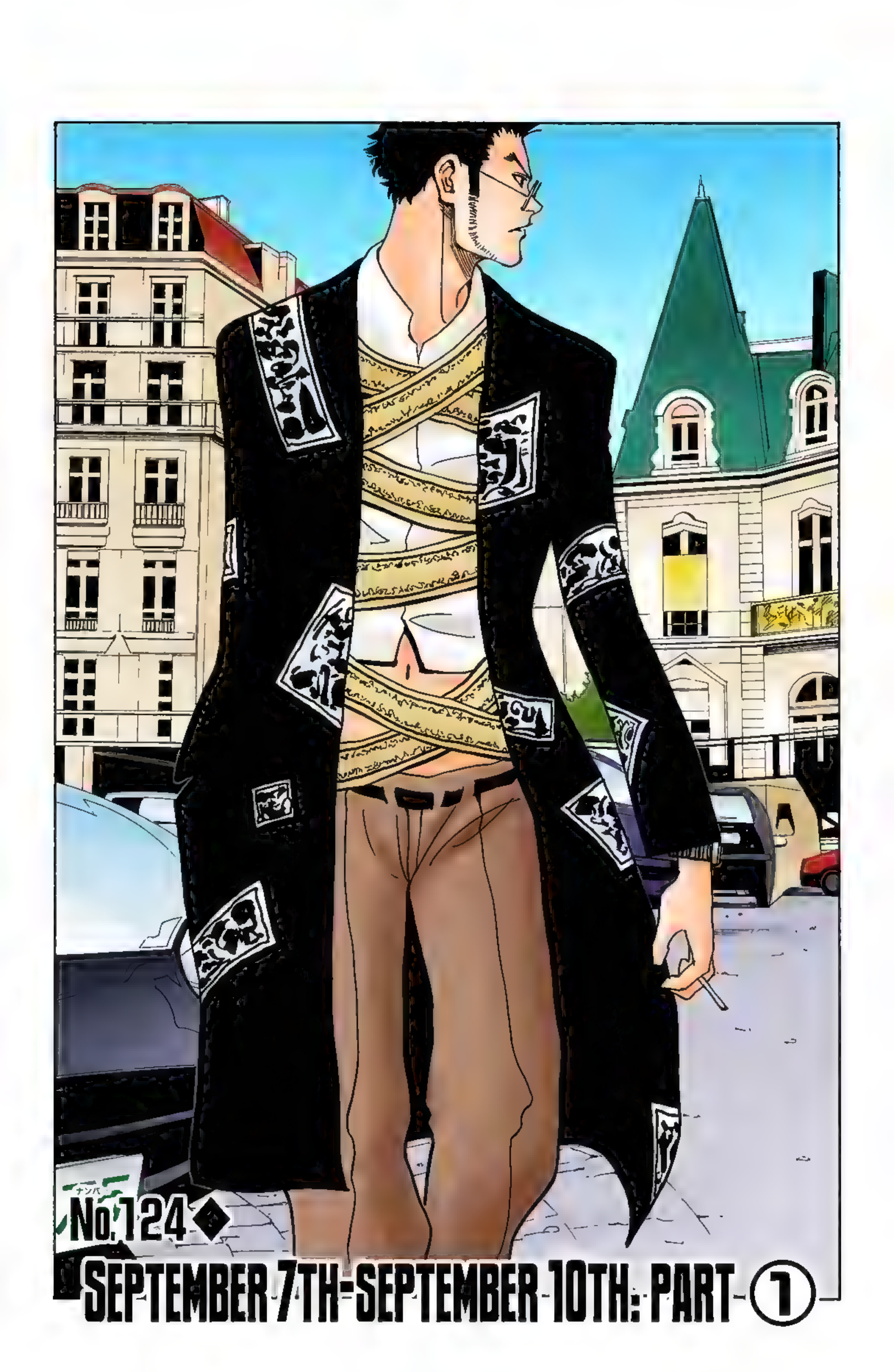
OSU!

GON!!

DON'T THINK THAT'LL I'LL BE OUT-DONE BY YOU.

IT SEEMS LIKE HE FIGURED IT OUT.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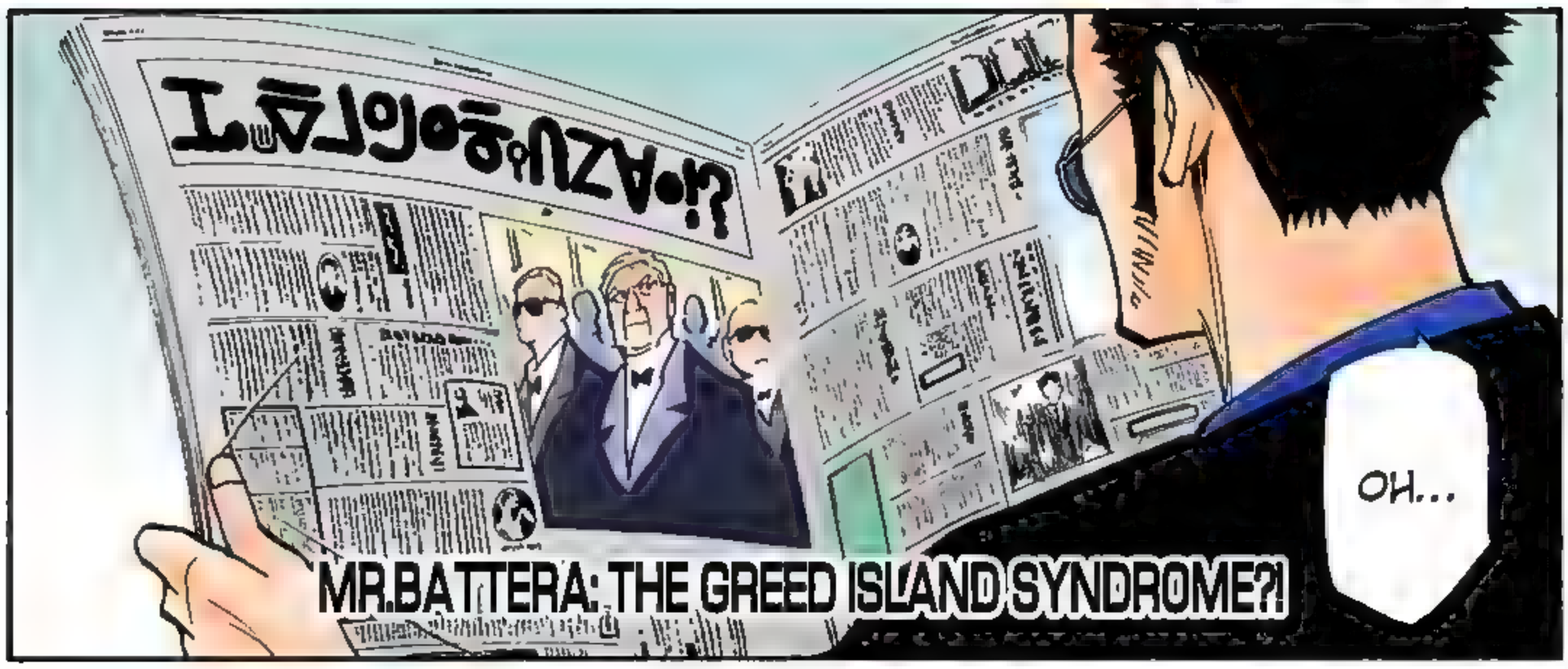
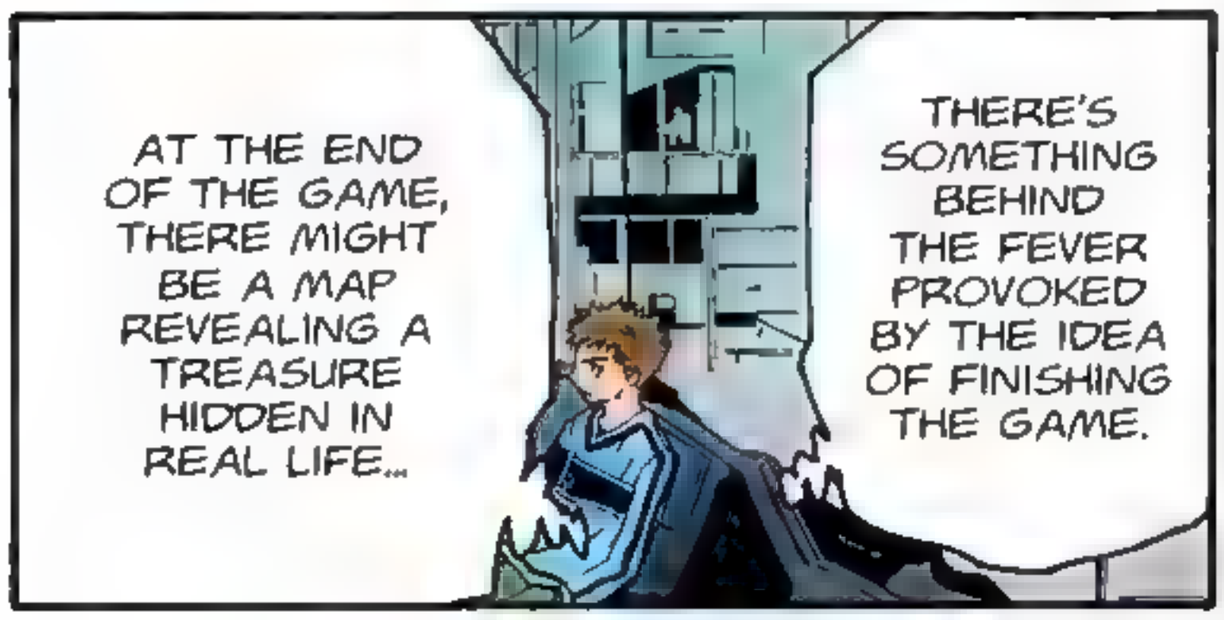
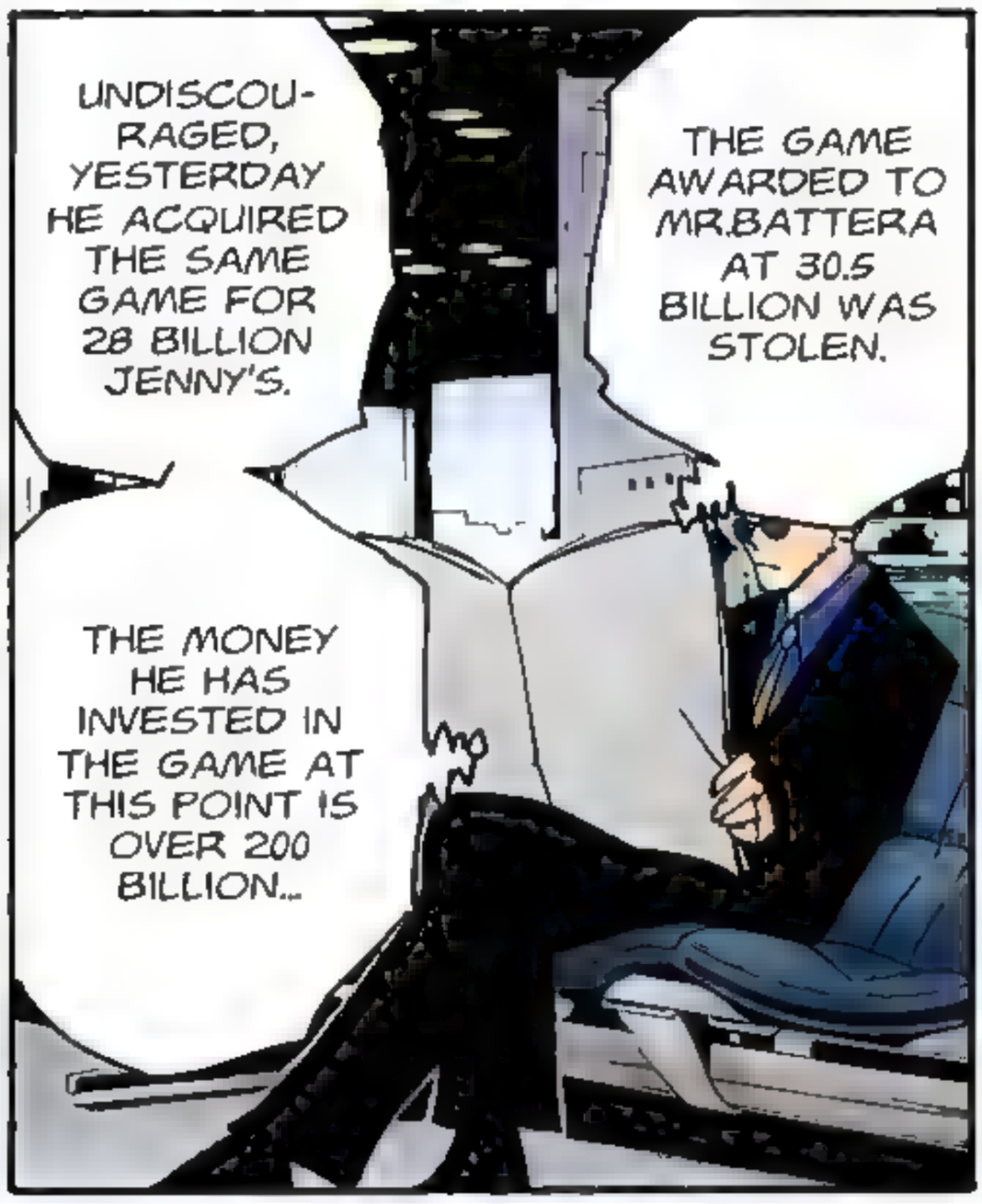
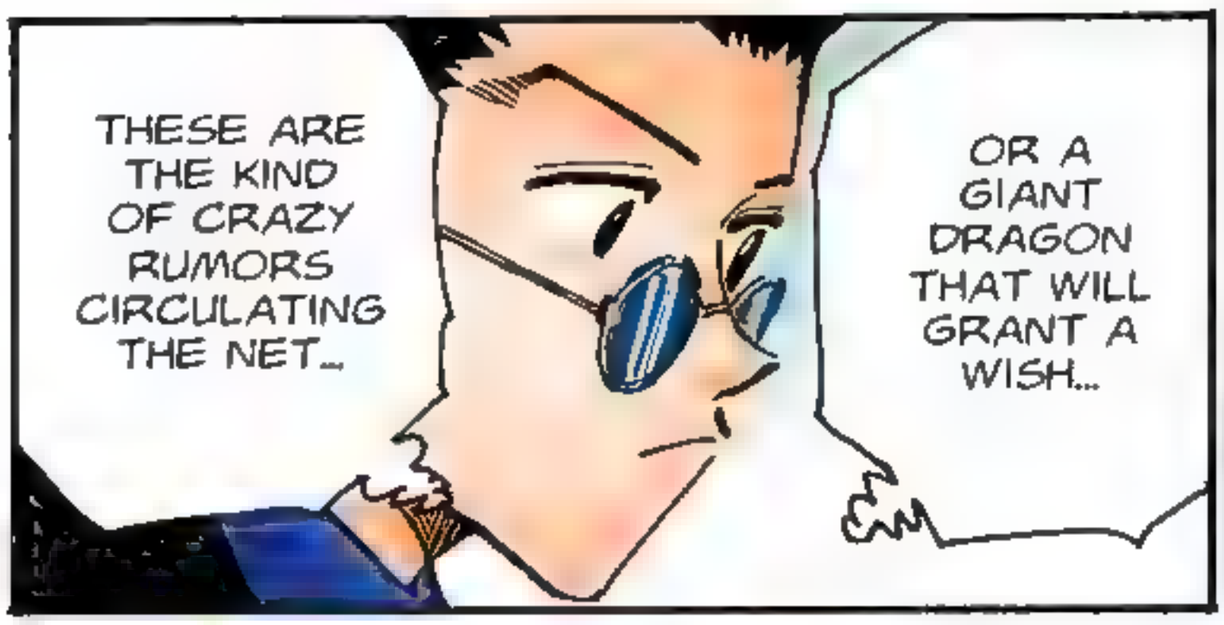

MR.BATTERA: THE GREED ISLAND SYNDROME?!
OH...


AT THE END OF THE GAME, THERE MIGHT BE A MAP REVEALING A TREASURE HIDDEN IN REAL LIFE...
THERE'S SOMETHING BEHIND THE FEVER PROVOKED BY THE IDEA OF FINISHING THE GAME.


UNDISCOURAGED, YESTERDAY HE ACQUIRED THE SAME GAME FOR 28 BILLION JENNY'S.
THE GAME AWARDED TO MR.BATTERA AT 30.5 BILLION WAS STOLEN.
THE MONEY HE HAS INVESTED IN THE GAME AT THIS POINT IS OVER 200 BILLION...


THESE ARE THE KIND OF CRAZY RUMORS CIRCULATING THE NET...
OR A GIANT DRAGON THAT WILL GRANT A WISH...

I'M LEAVING NOW.

LEORIO.
WHO WRITES THIS STUFF?!
MR.BATTERA MIGHT BE THE ONLY PERSON OUTSIDE OF THE CREATORS OF THE GAME, WHO KNOWS WHAT WILL HAPPEN AT THE END OF THE GAME.

JUST TELL THEM WE'LL SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN SOON.
THEY'RE TRAINING HARD, AND EACH SECOND COUNTS.

YES.
ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO LEAVE WITHOUT TELLING THEM?

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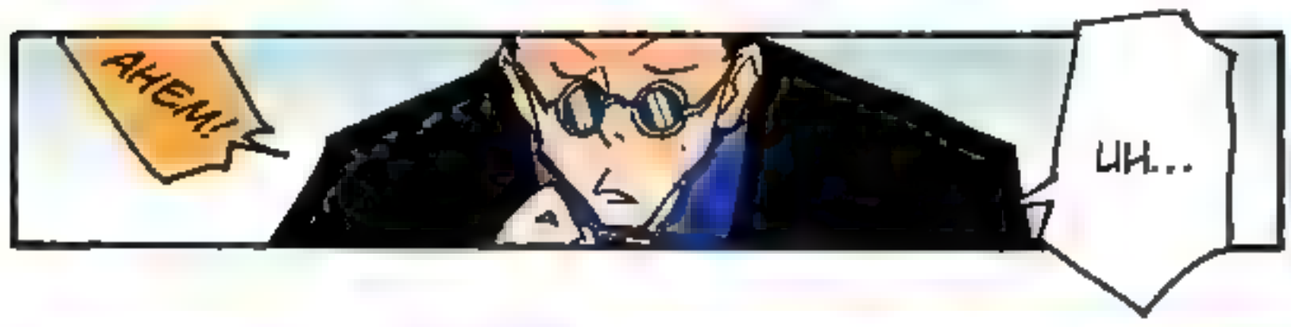
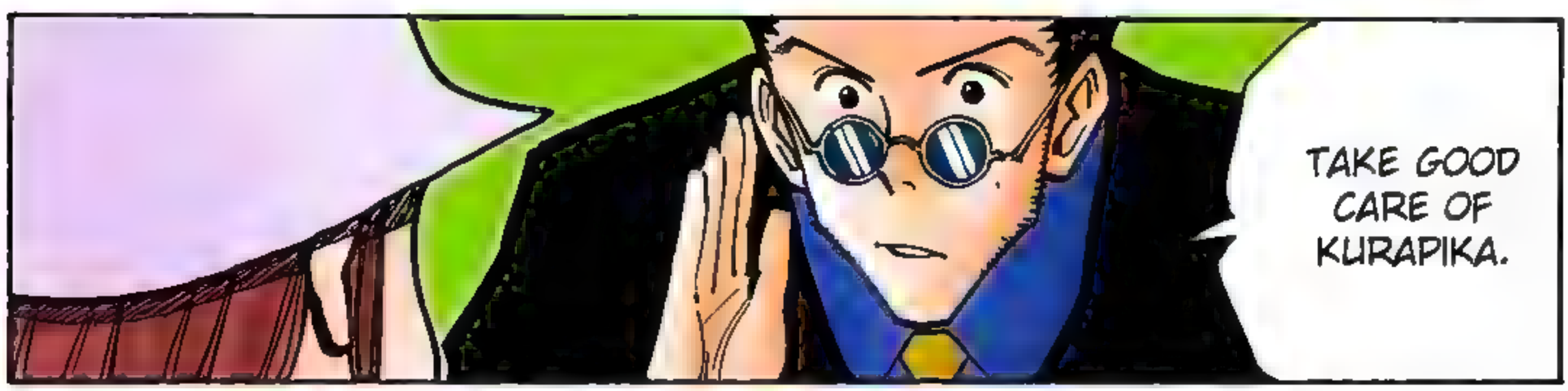
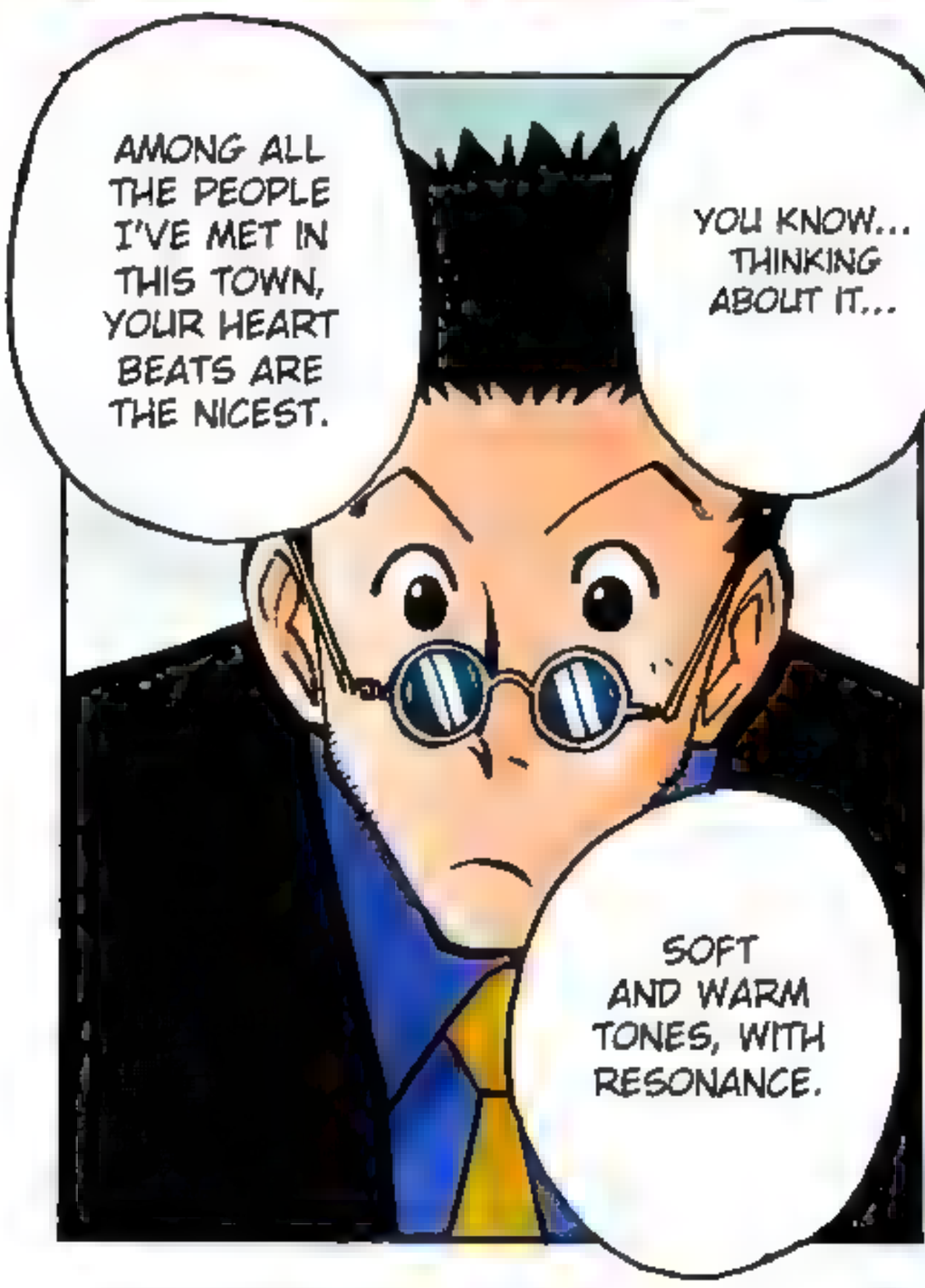
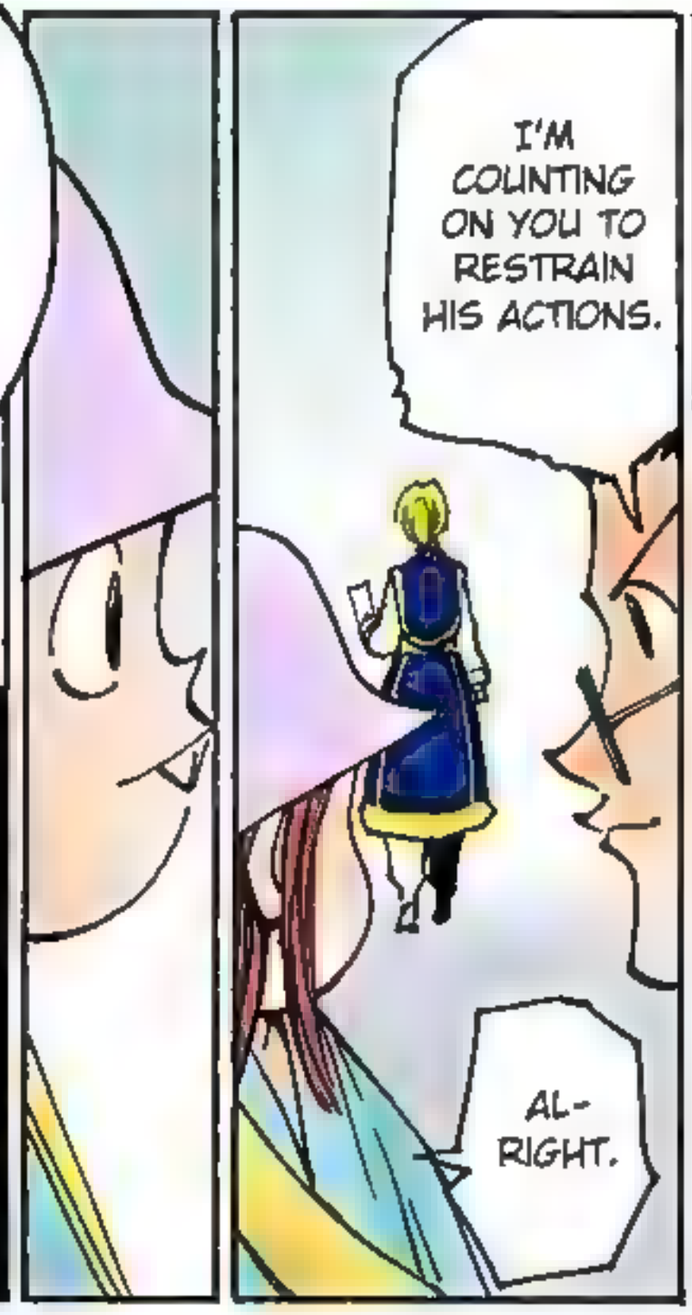
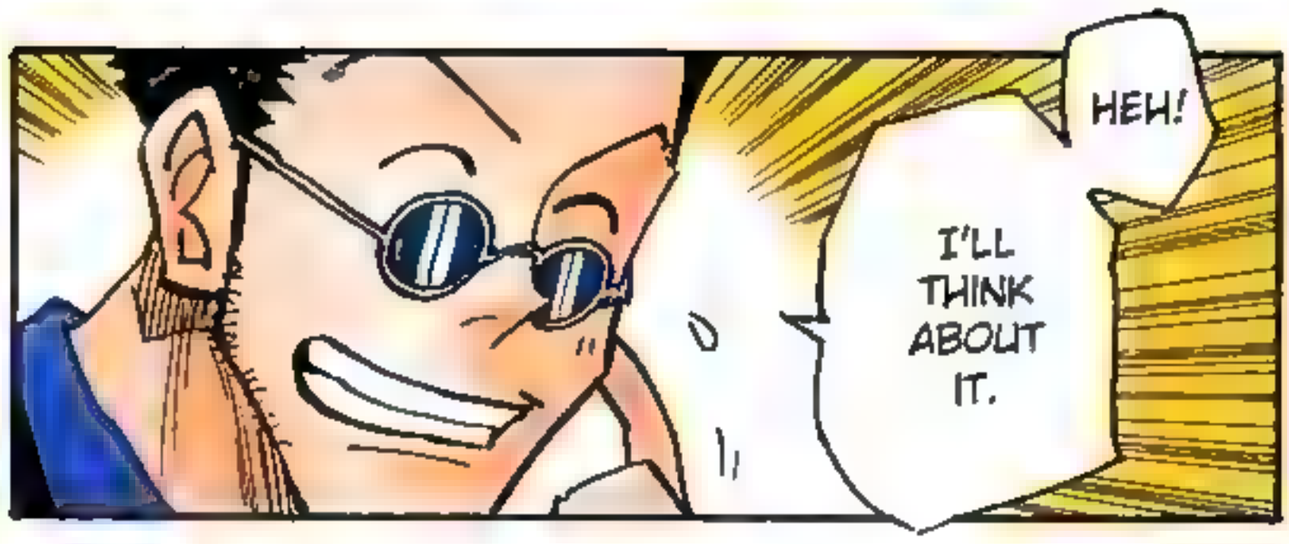

AHEM!
UH...

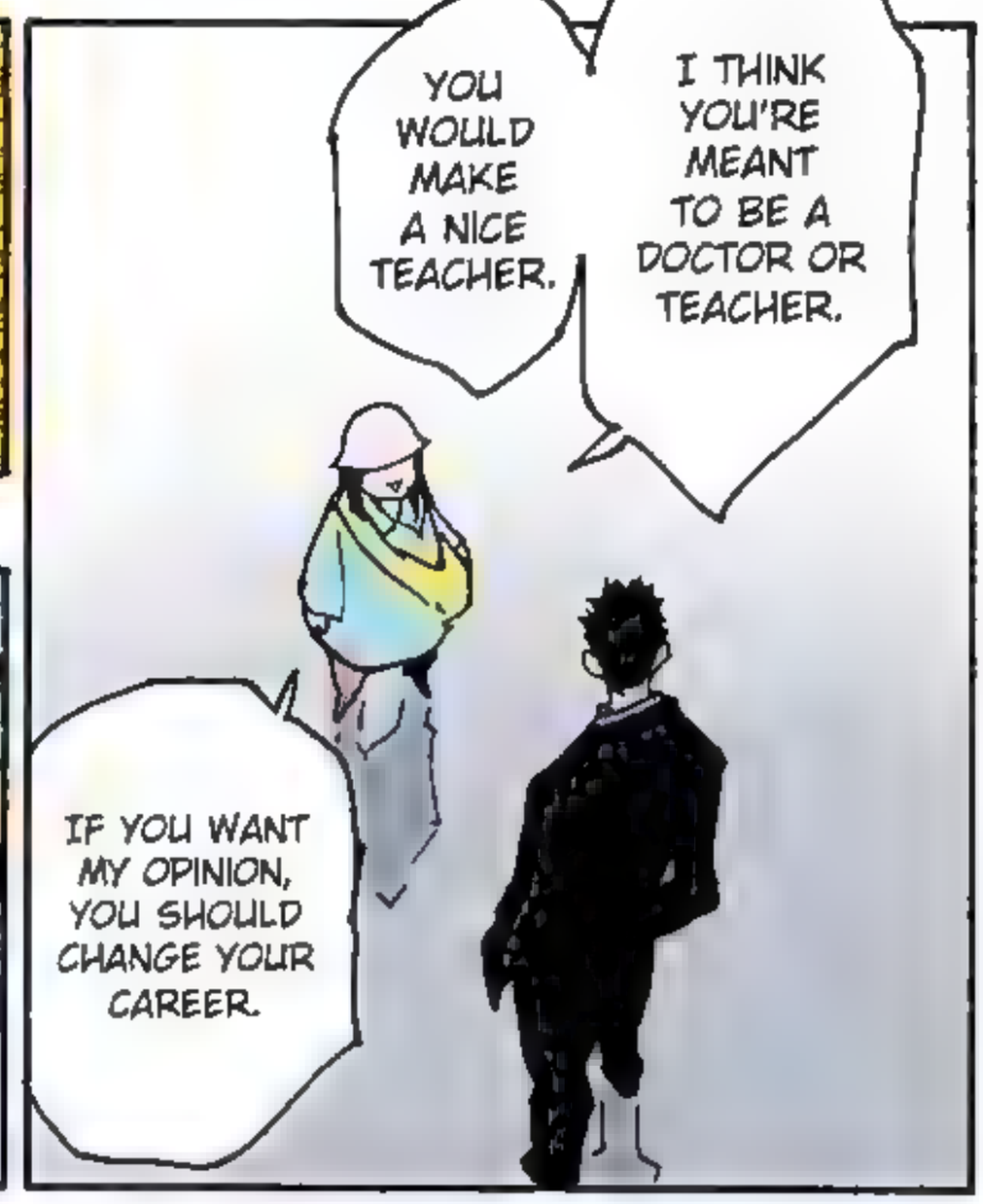

TAKE GOOD CARE OF KURAPIKA.


AMONG ALL THE PEOPLE I'VE MET IN THIS TOWN, YOUR HEART BEATS ARE THE NICEST.
SOFT AND WARM TONES, WITH RESONANCE.

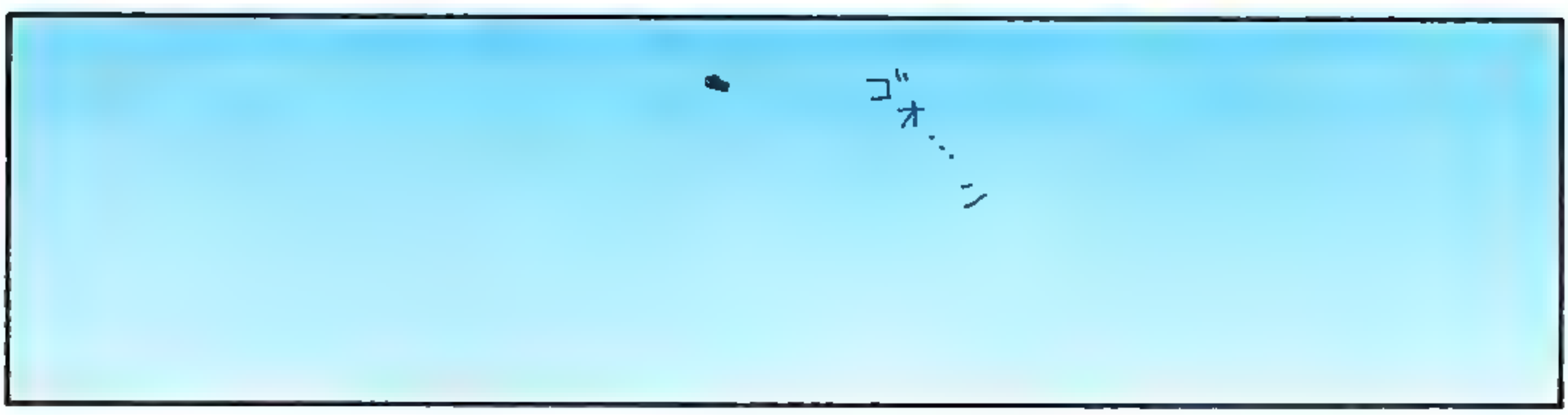

YOU KNOW... THINKING ABOUT IT...
I'M COUNTING ON YOU TO RESTRAIN HIS ACTIONS.
AL-RIGHT.

HE'S BRIGHT, BUT AT THE SAME TIME, RASH.
WITH YOU, SOMEHOW HE LETS HIS GUARD DOWN.
FROM WHAT I'VE SEEN, HE CONFIDES EASILY WITH YOU.


HEH!
I'LL THINK ABOUT IT.


YOU WOULD MAKE A NICE TEACHER.
I THINK YOU'RE MEANT TO BE A DOCTOR OR TEACHER.
IF YOU WANT MY OPINION, YOU SHOULD CHANGE YOUR CAREER.

I BETTER GET TO STUDYING.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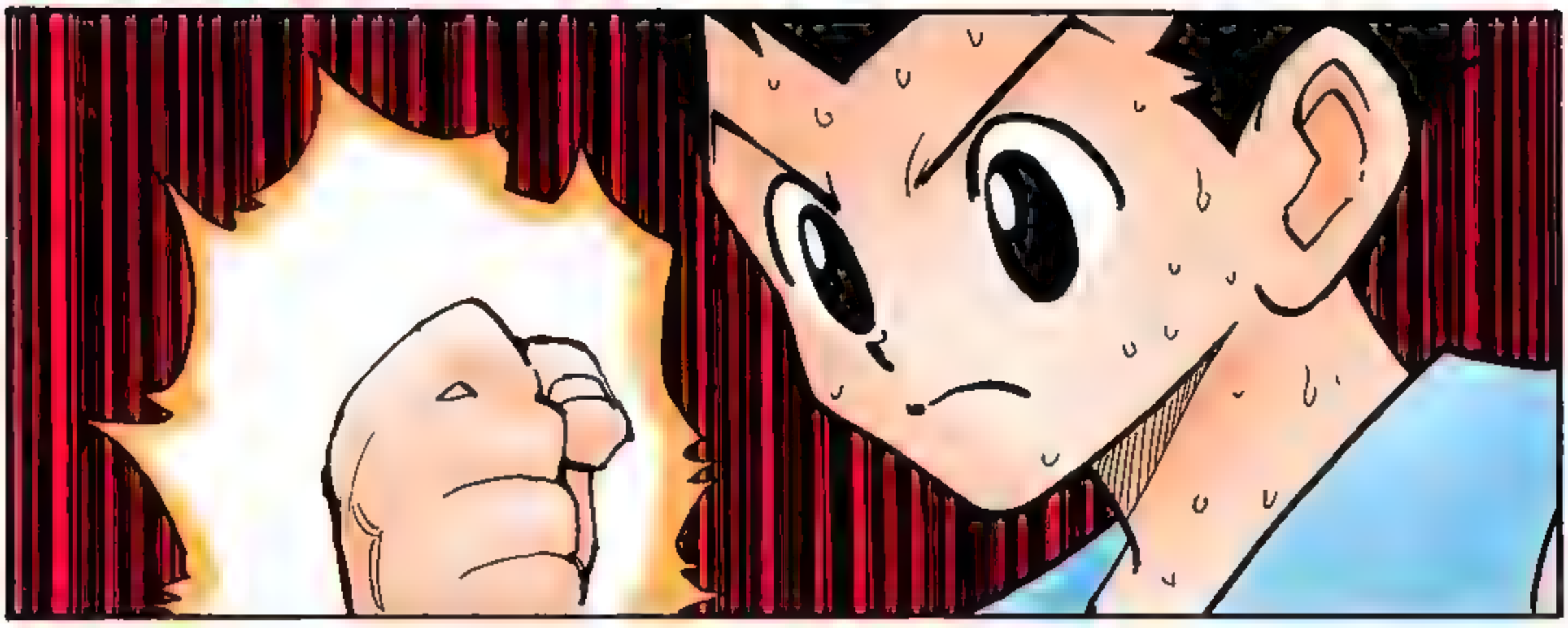

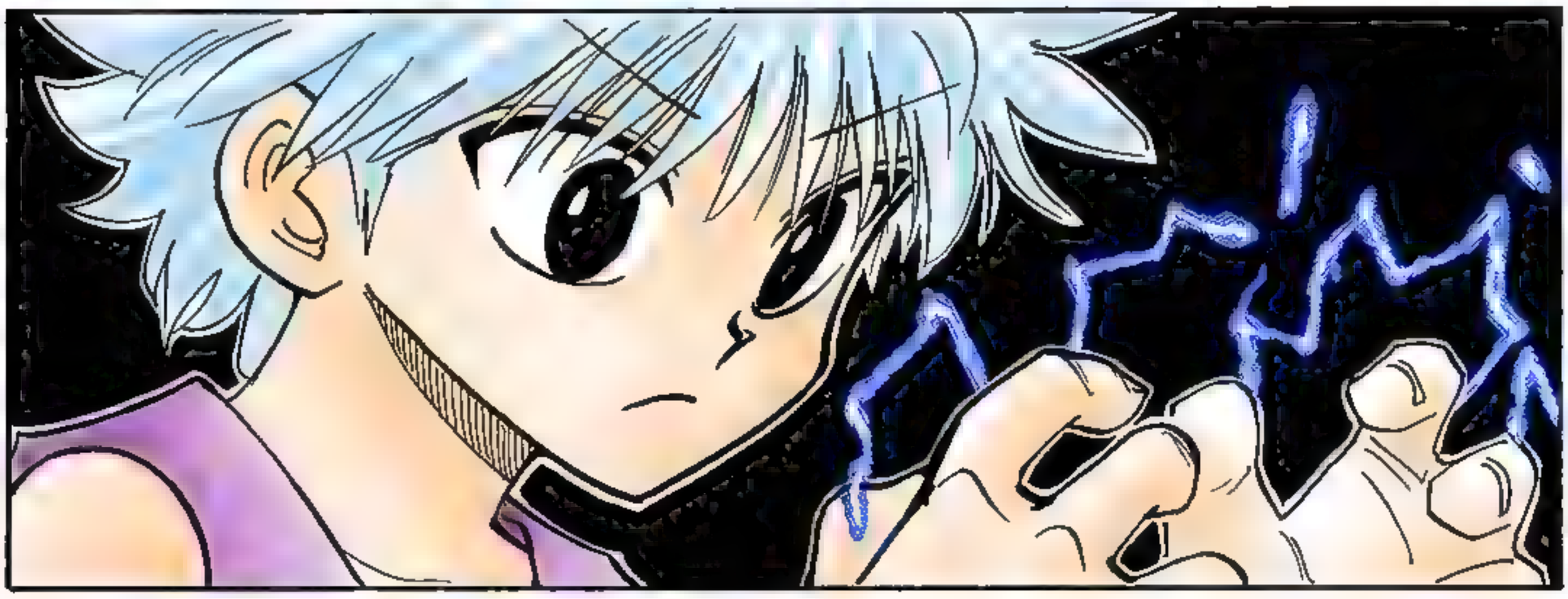

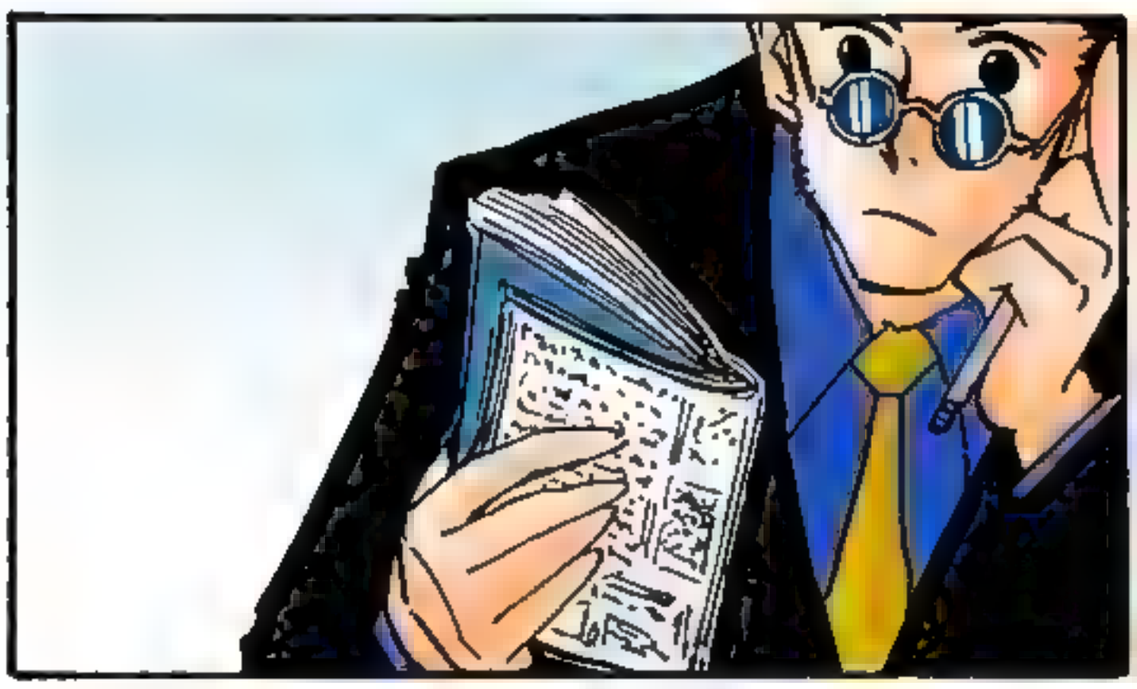

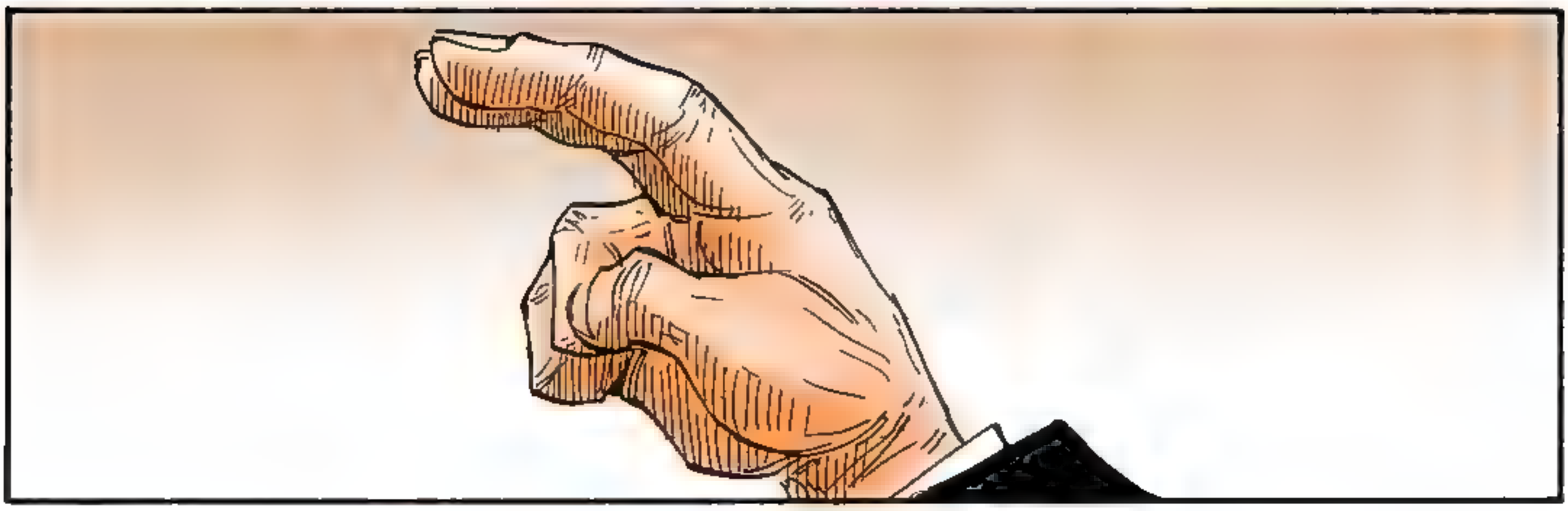

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!
GREED ISLAND GOES TO CLIENT #33 AT 27.8 BILLION JENNY'S!!
HE KNOWS THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT I CAN BID…!
IMPOSSIBLE…!! THAT BASTARD IS TAKING EVERYTHING.
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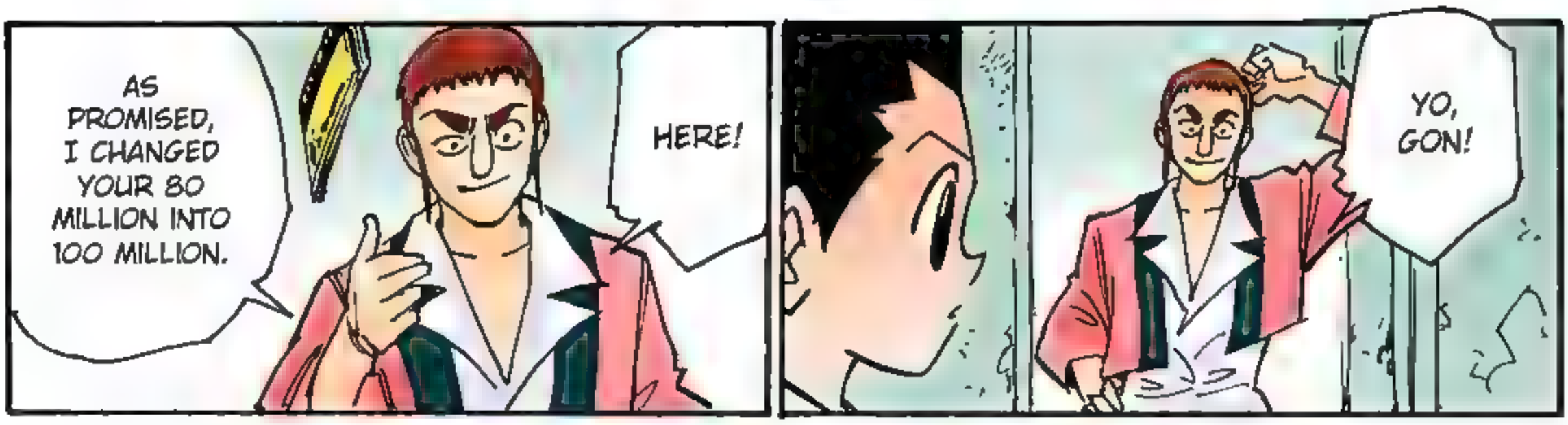
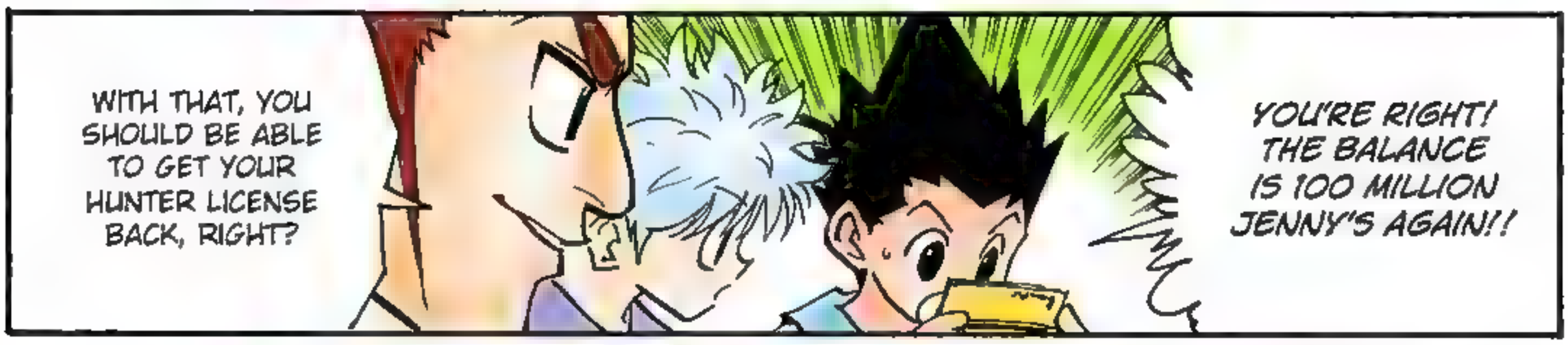
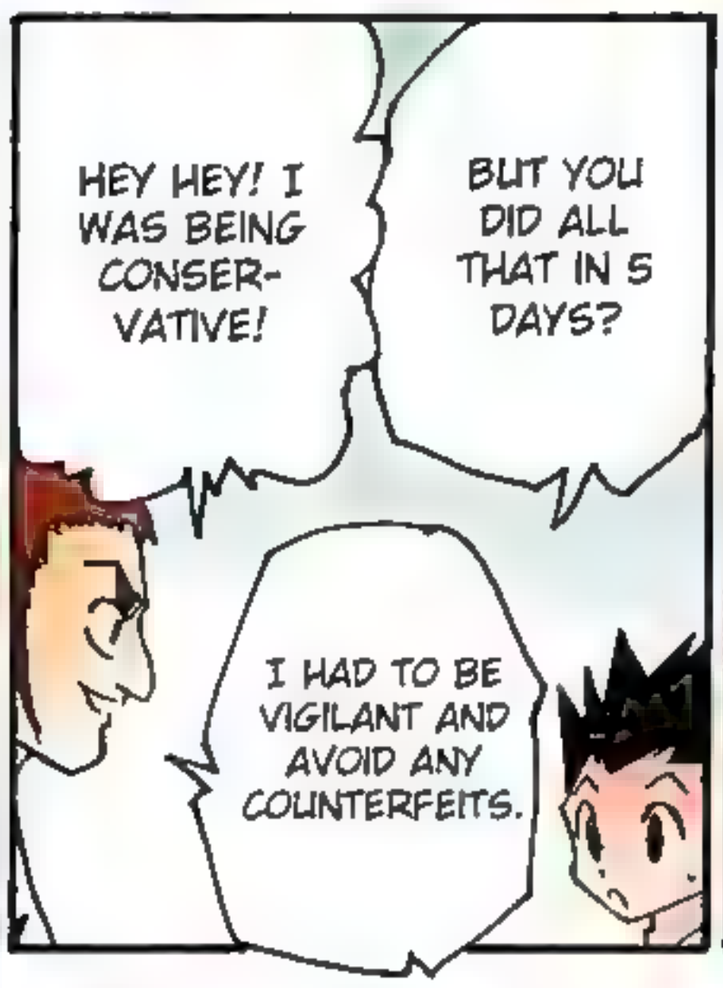
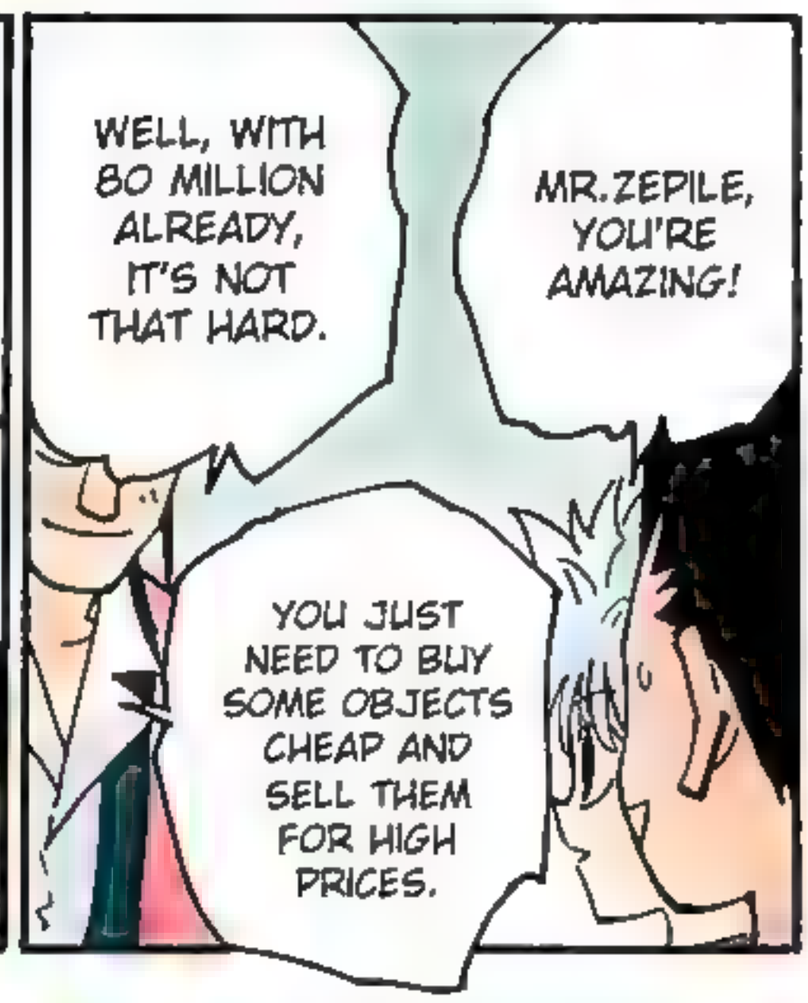
DAMN!
DAMN IT! I KNOW WHAT I'LL DO…
BUT…
HE COULD HAVE AT LEAST…
HE ASKED ME TO TELL YOU WE'LL MEET AGAIN SOON.
KURAPIKA LEFT?!
WHAT ?!

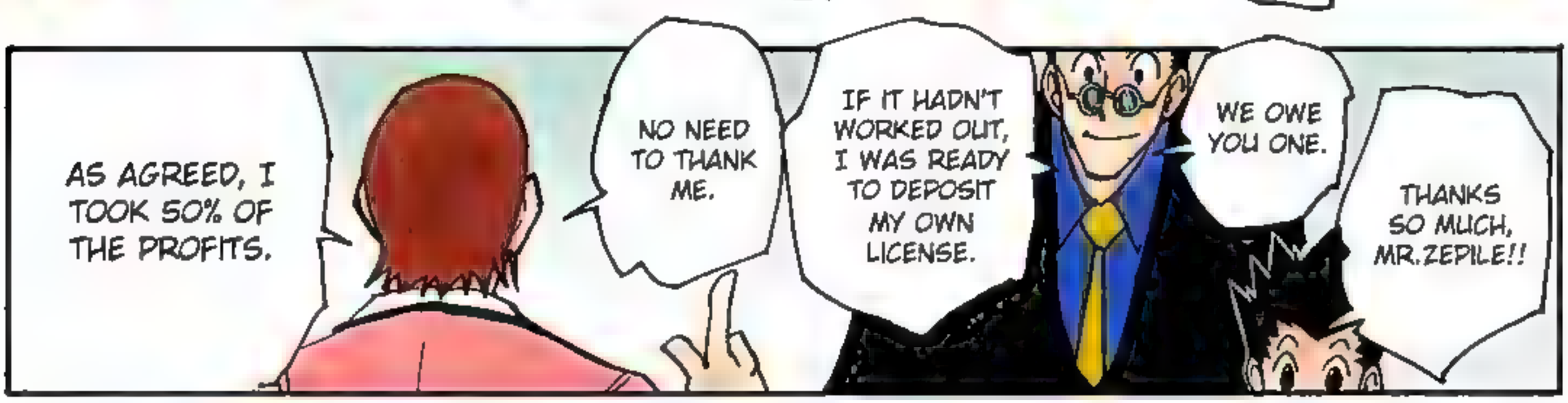

AS PROMISED, I CHANGED YOUR 80 MILLION INTO 100 MILLION.
HERE!
YO, GON!

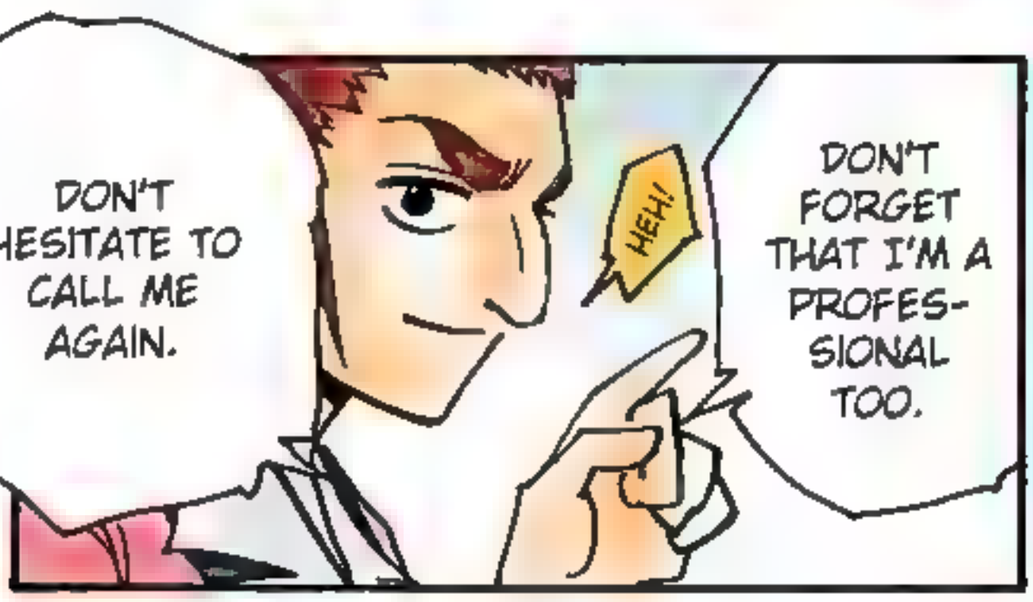

WITH THAT, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET YOUR HUNTER LICENSE BACK, RIGHT?
YOU'RE RIGHT! THE BALANCE IS 100 MILLION JENNY'S AGAIN!!

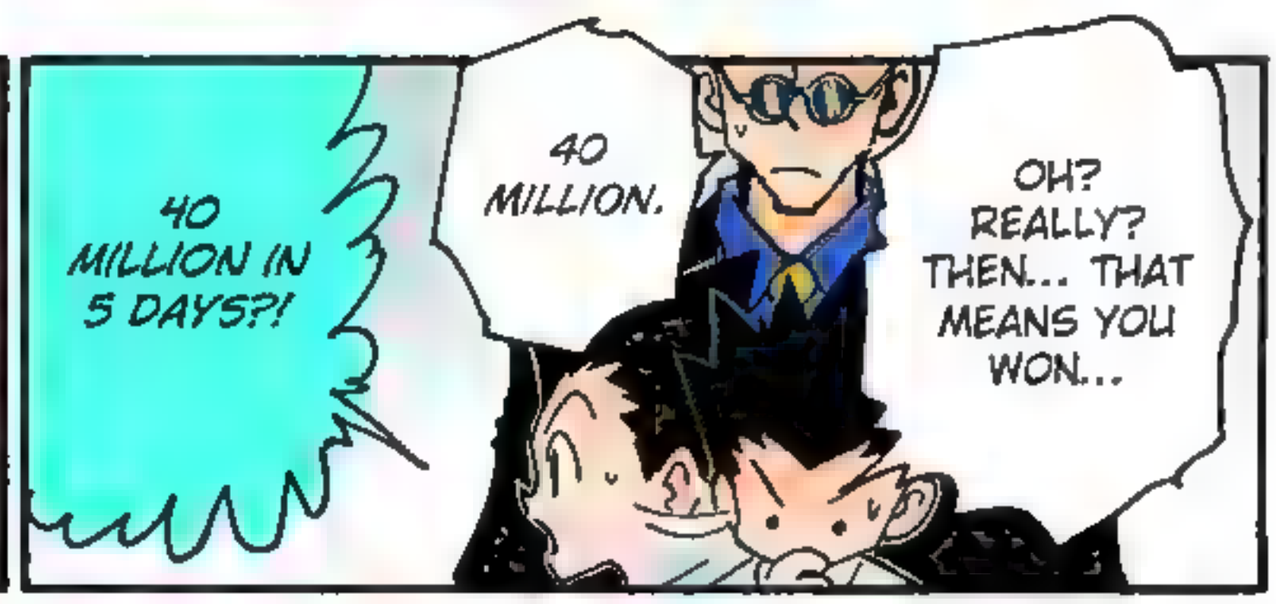
SO I PULLED OUT ALL THE STOPS.
YOU TRUSTED ME BY GIVING ME YOUR FORTUNE.

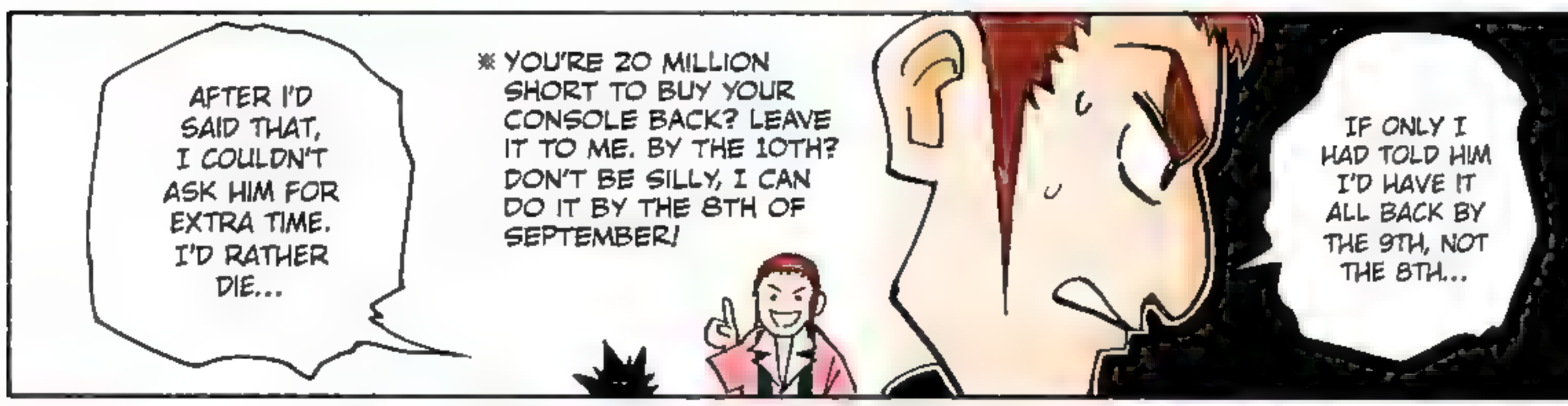

HEY HEY! I WAS BEING CONSER-VATIVE!
BUT YOU DID ALL THAT IN 5 DAYS?
I HAD TO BE VIGILANT AND AVOID ANY COUNTERFEITS.


WELL, WITH 80 MILLION ALREADY, IT'S NOT THAT HARD.
MR.ZEPILE, YOU'RE AMAZING!
YOU JUST NEED TO BUY SOME OBJECTS CHEAP AND SELL THEM FOR HIGH PRICES.

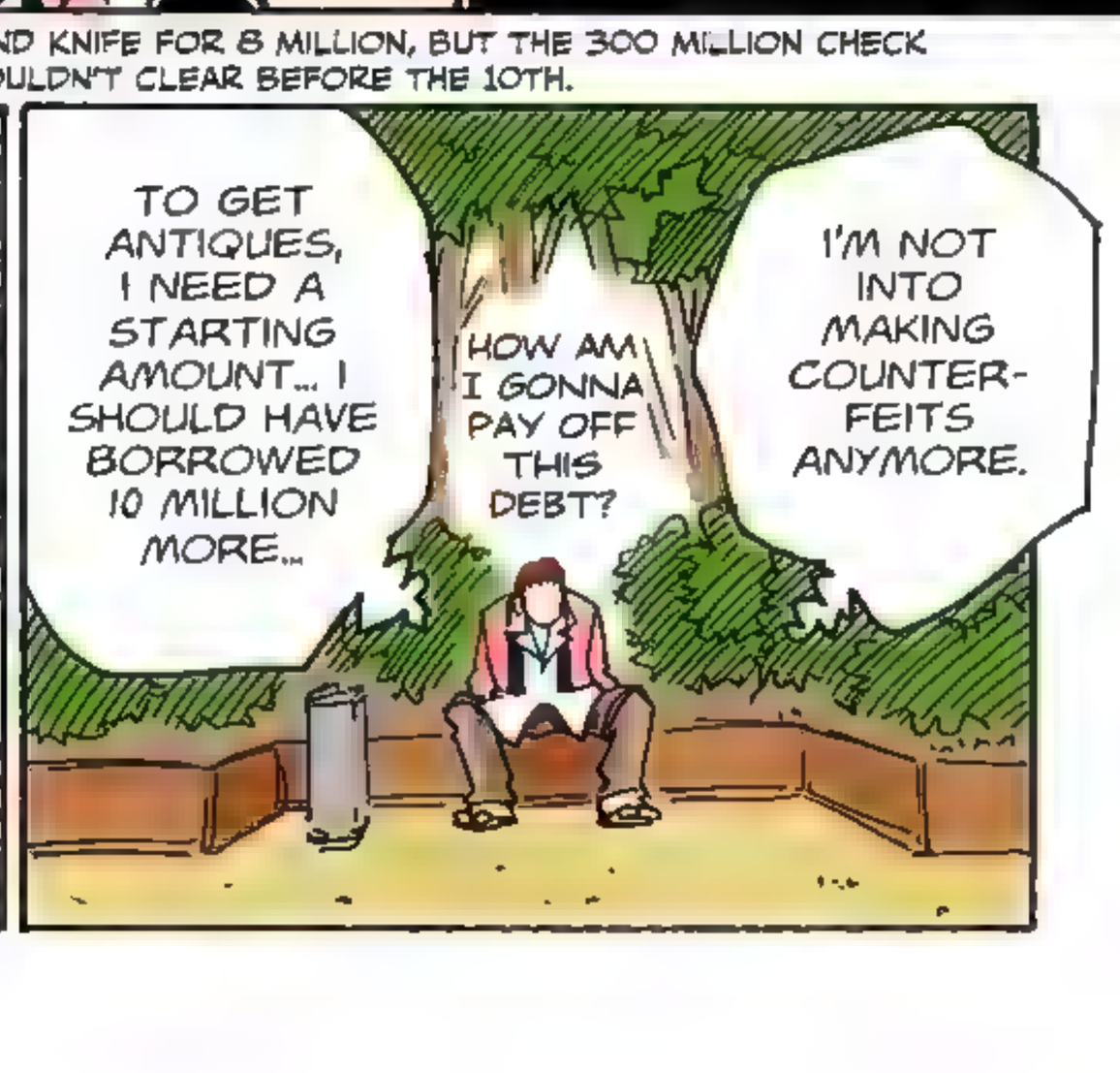

AS AGREED, I TOOK 50% OF THE PROFITS.
NO NEED TO THANK ME.
IF IT HADN'T WORKED OUT, I WAS READY TO DEPOSIT MY OWN LICENSE.
WE OWE YOU ONE.
THANKS SO MUCH, MR.ZEPILE!!


DON'T HESITATE TO CALL ME AGAIN.
HEH!
DON'T FORGET THAT I'M A PROFES-SIONAL TOO.

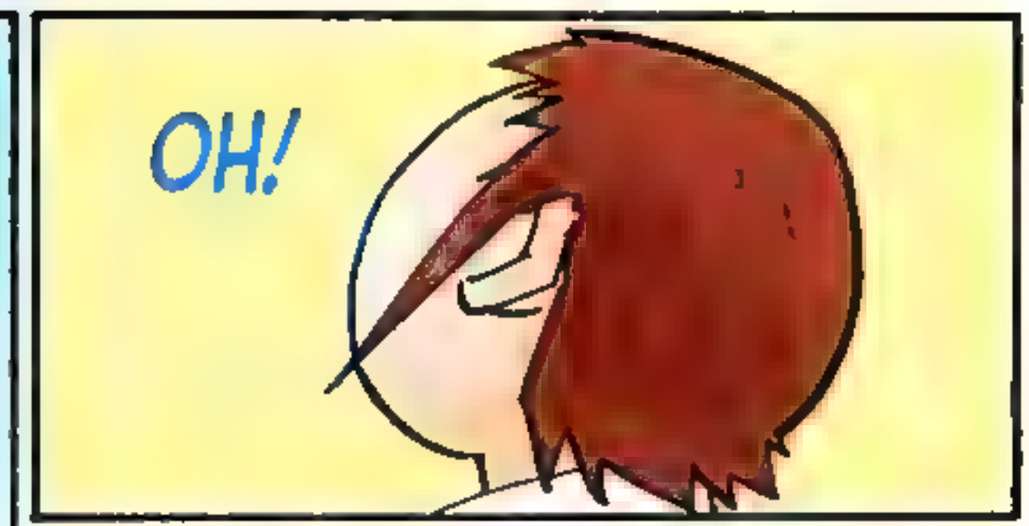

40 MILLION IN 5 DAYS?!
40 MILLION.
OH? REALLY? THEN... THAT MEANS YOU WON...



※ THEY SOLD THE DIAMOND AND KNIFE FOR 8 MILLION, BUT THE 300 MILLION CHECK FOR THE WOODEN VAULT WOULDN'T CLEAR BEFORE THE 10TH.



AND SELL MY LICENSE!
I JUST HAVE TO BECOME A HUNTER TOO...
GOODBYE DEBTS, HELLO GOOD LIFE!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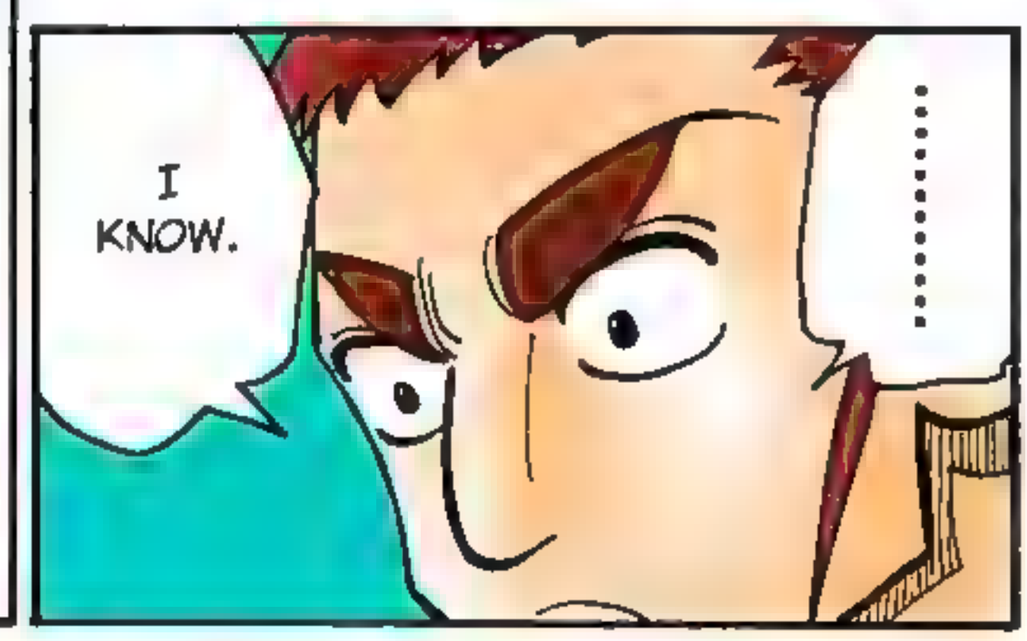
I KNOW.
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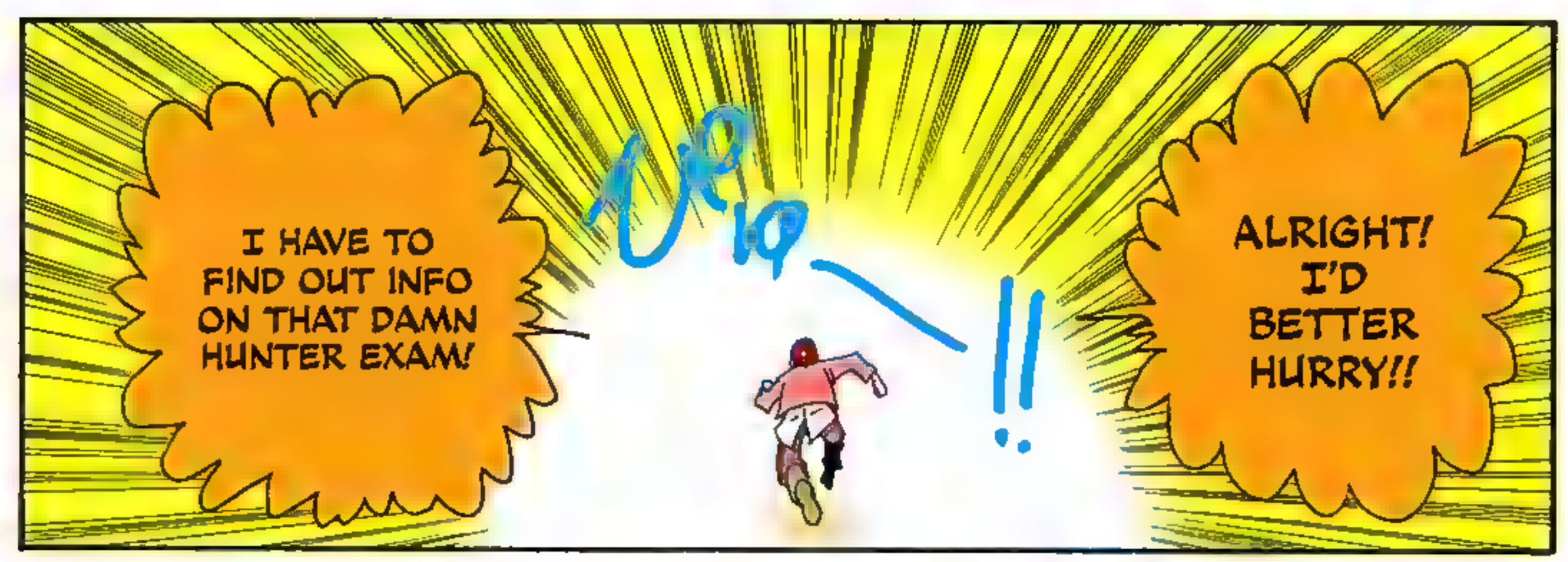
I HAVE TO FIND OUT INFO ON THAT DAMN HUNTER EXAM!
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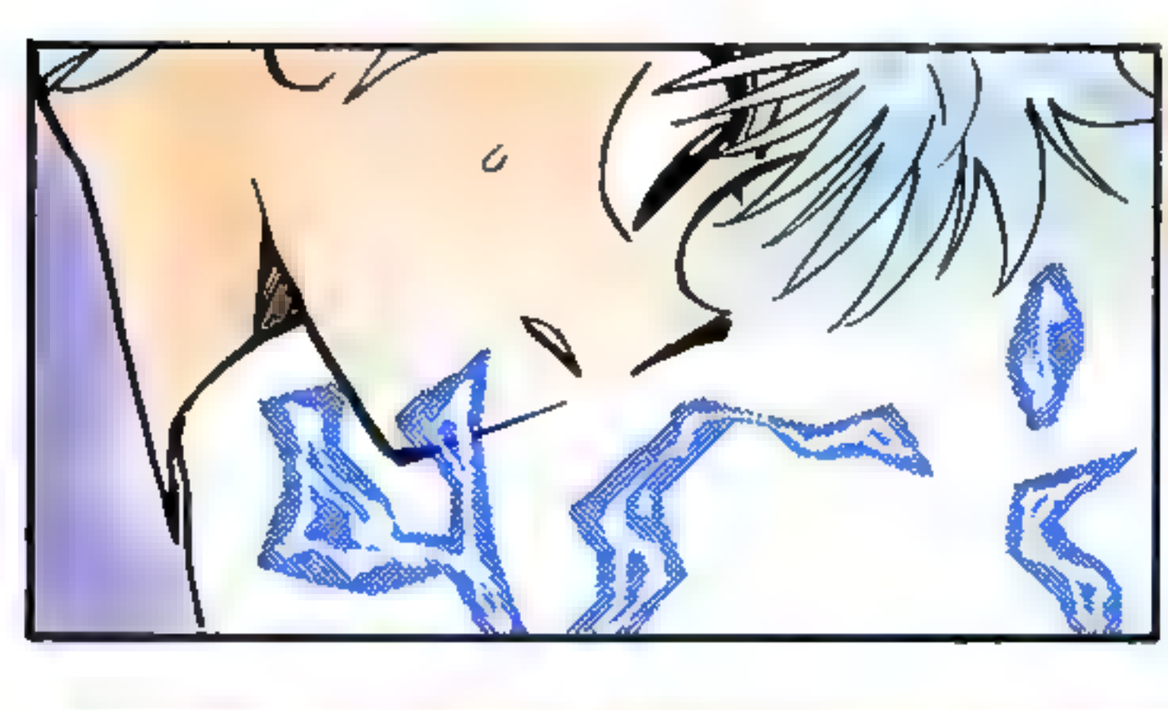
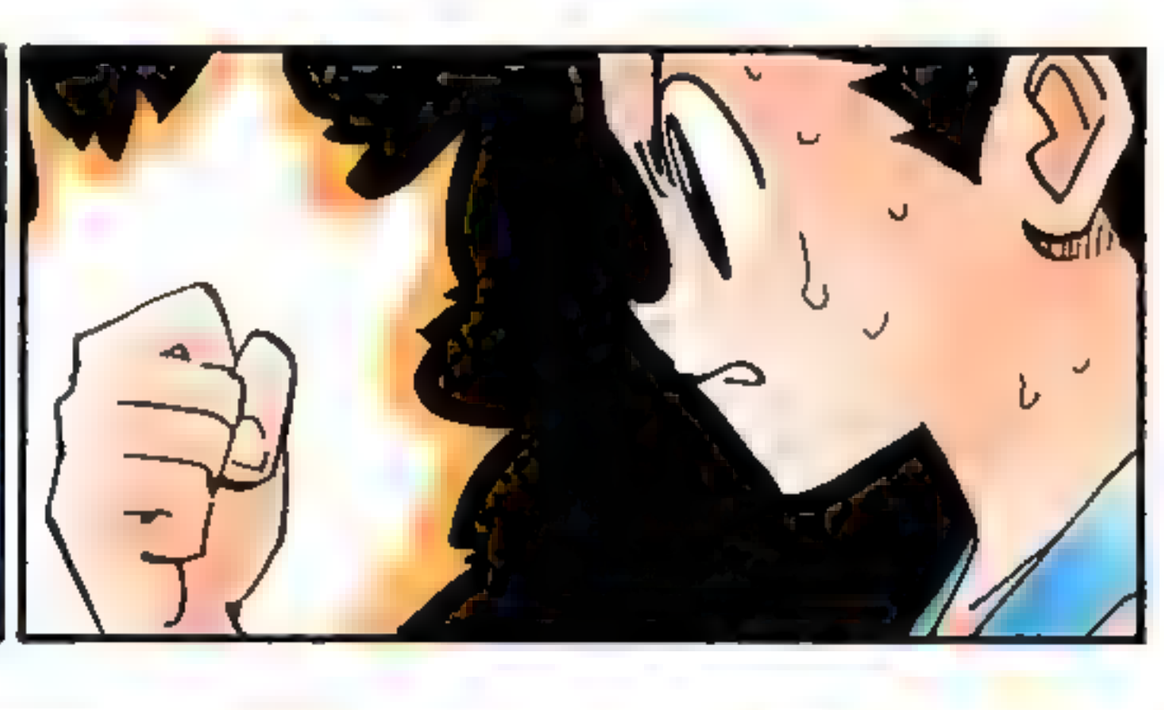
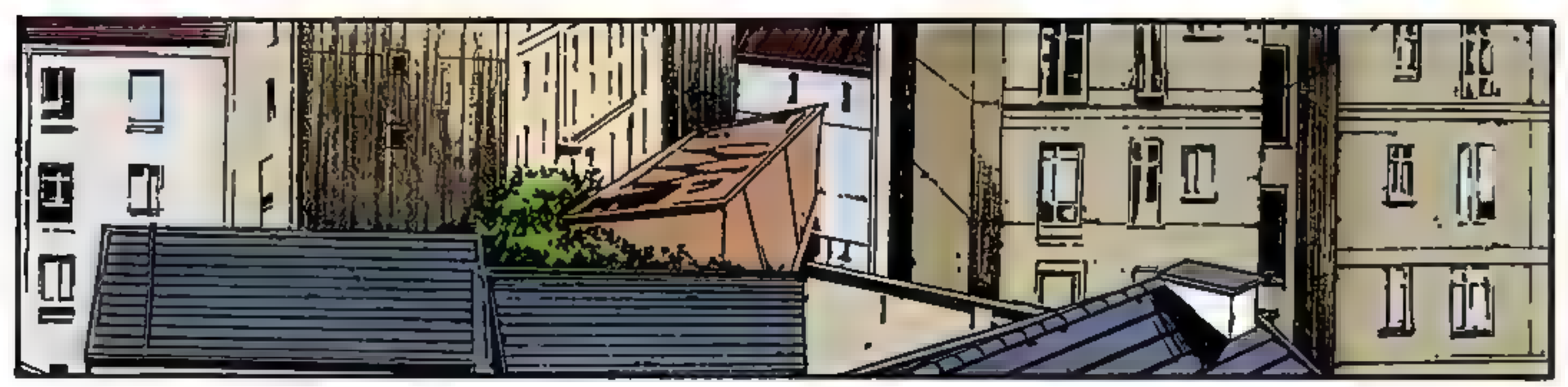
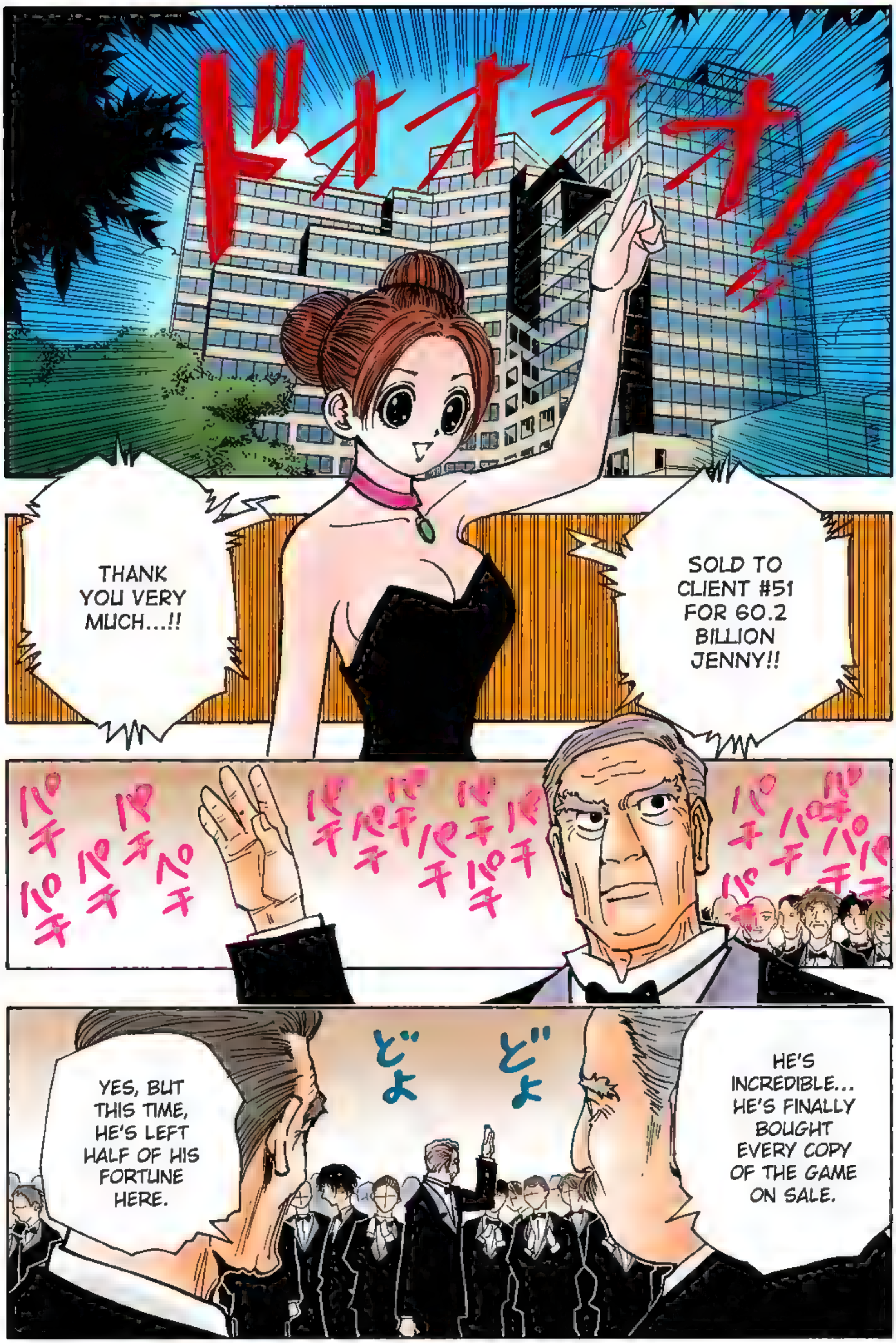
ALRIGHT! I'D BETTER HURRY!!





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THANK YOU VERY MUCH...!!
SOLD TO CLIENT #51 FOR 60.2 BILLION JENNY!!
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YES, BUT THIS TIME, HE'S LEFT HALF OF HIS FORTUNE HERE.
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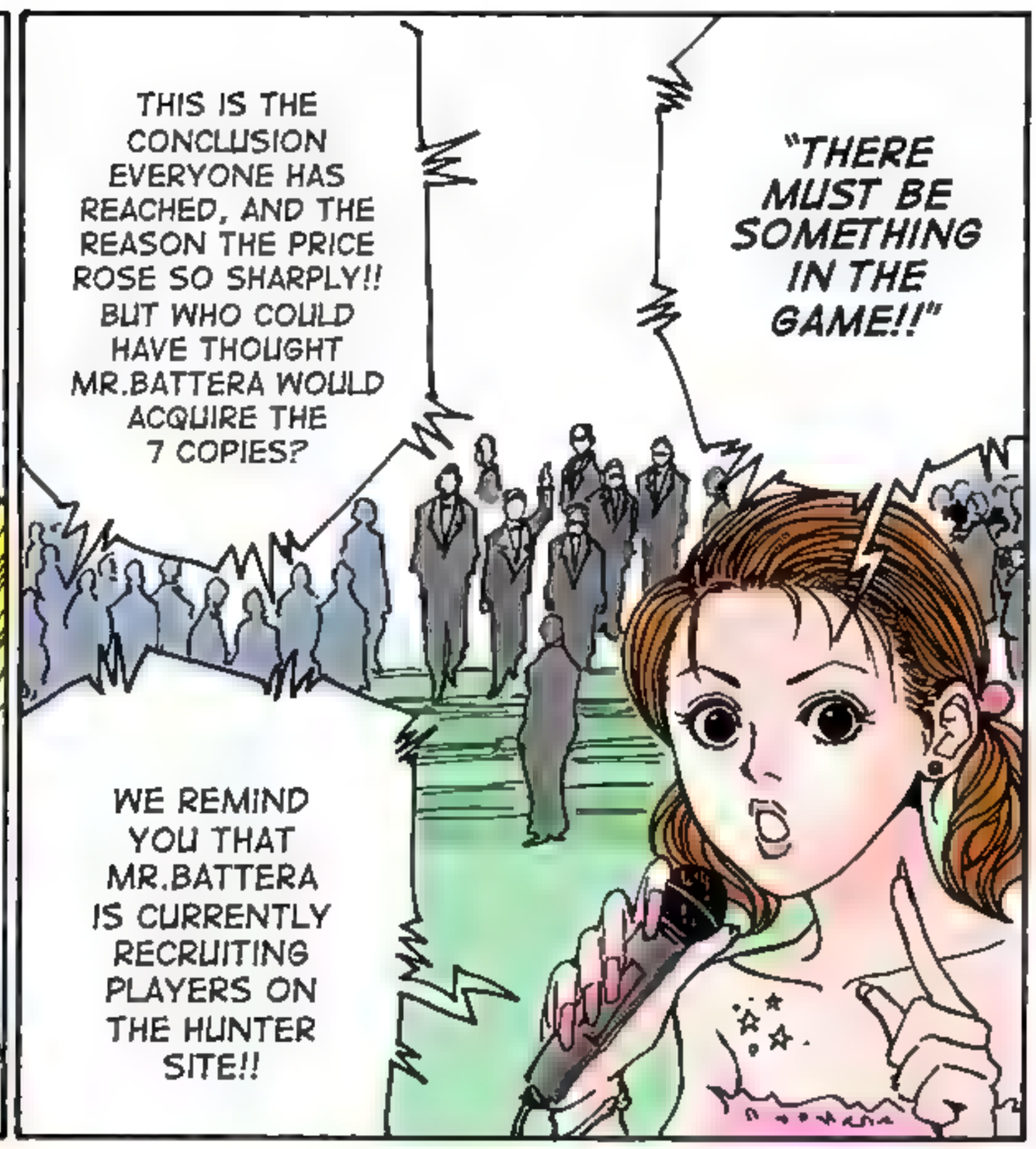
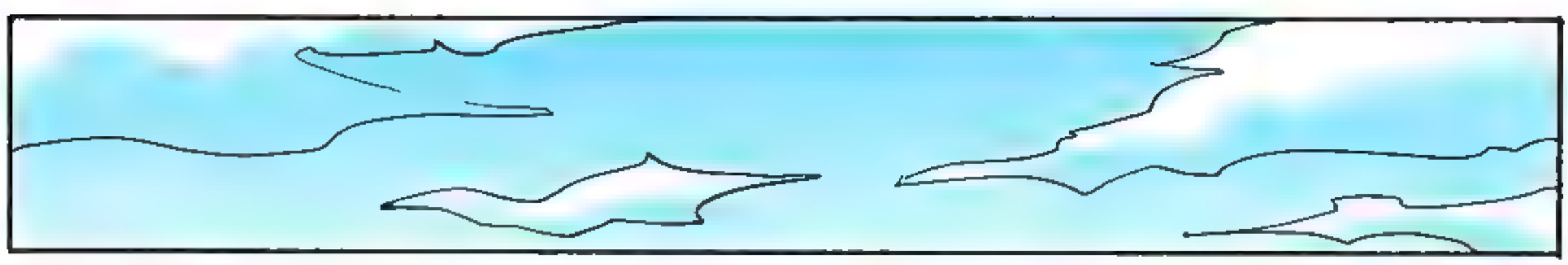
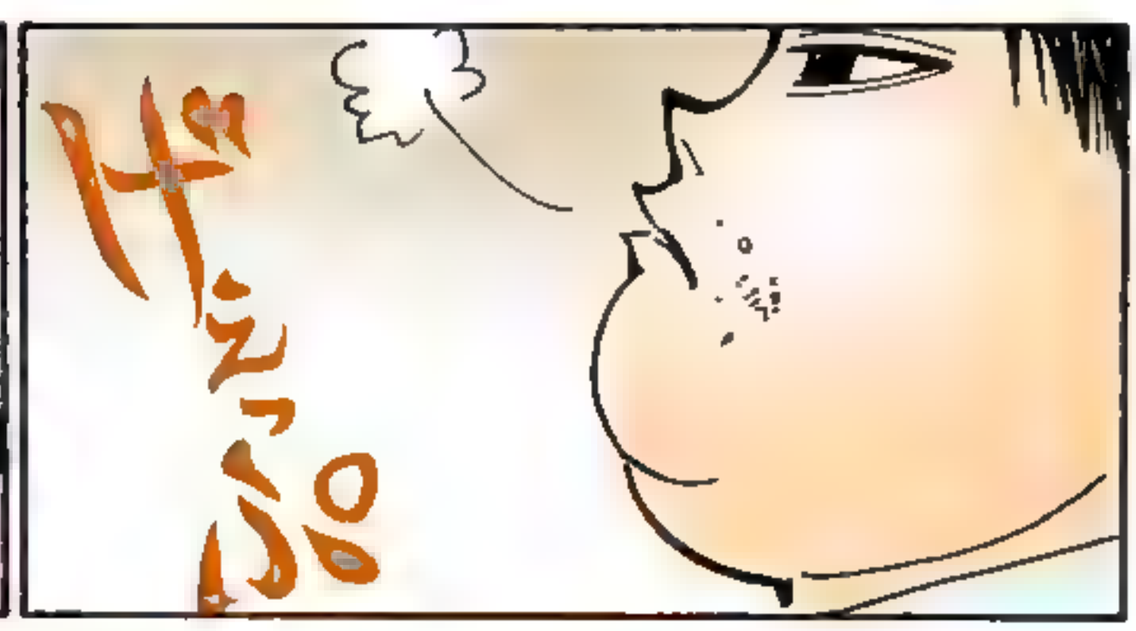
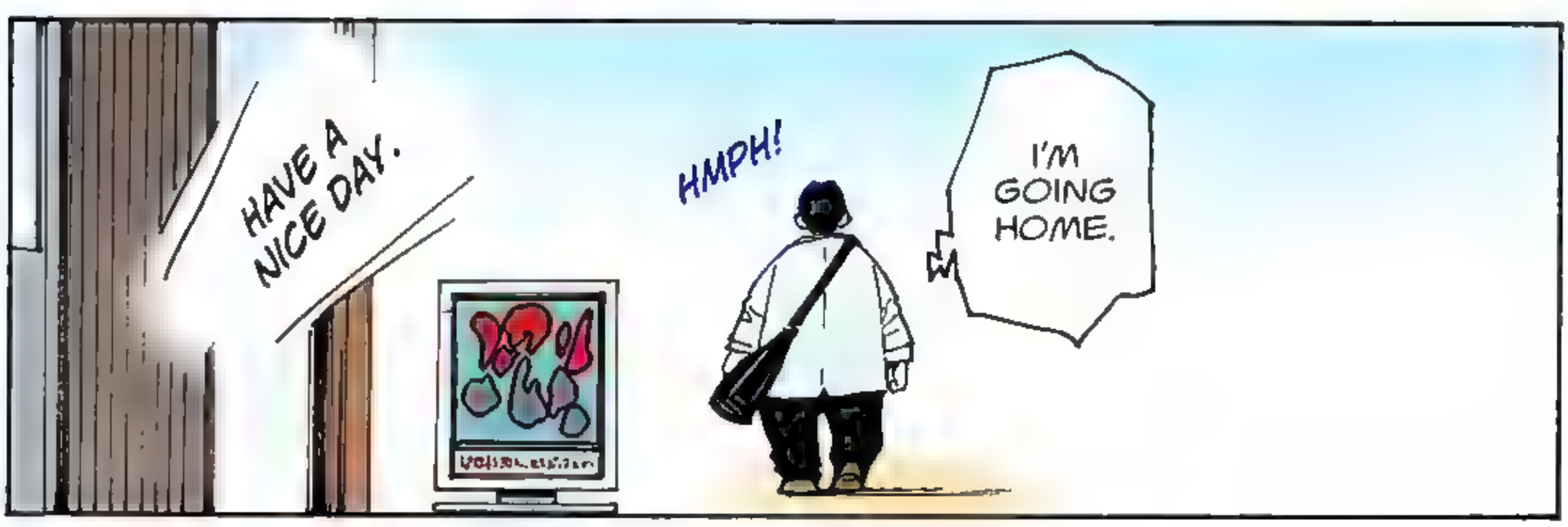
HE'S INCREDIBLE... HE'S FINALLY BOUGHT EVERY COPY OF THE GAME ON SALE.

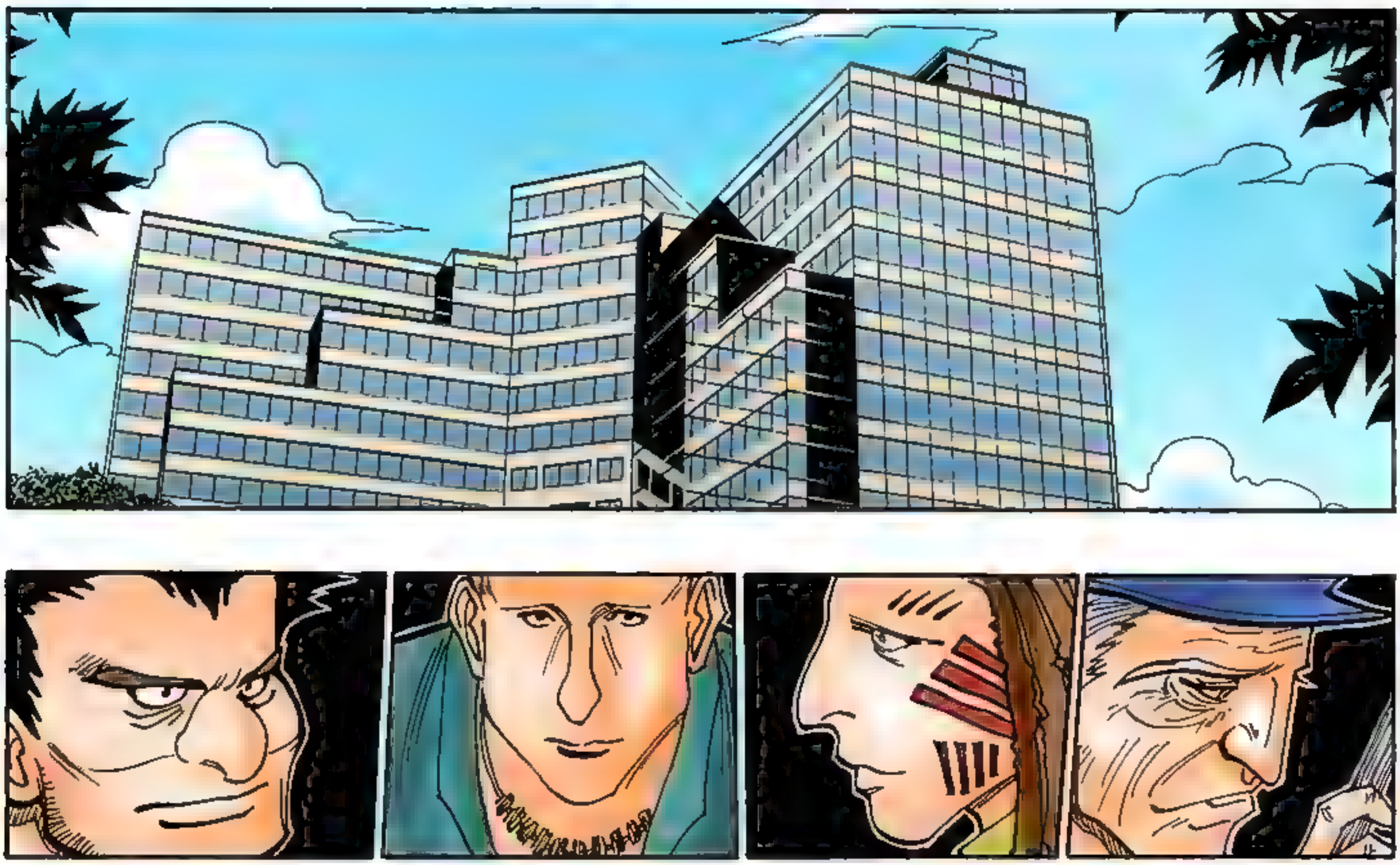
WHO CAN SAY WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN THE NEXT FEW HOURS?!
THE SELECTION TEST WILL OCCUR TODAY!!


THIS IS THE CONCLUSION EVERYONE HAS REACHED, AND THE REASON THE PRICE ROSE SO SHARPLY!! BUT WHO COULD HAVE THOUGHT MR.BATTERA WOULD ACQUIRE THE 7 COPIES?
"THERE MUST BE SOMETHING IN THE GAME!!"
WE REMIND YOU THAT MR.BATTERA IS CURRENTLY RECRUITING PLAYERS ON THE HUNTER SITE!!






HAVE A NICE DAY.
HMPH!
I'M GOING HOME.



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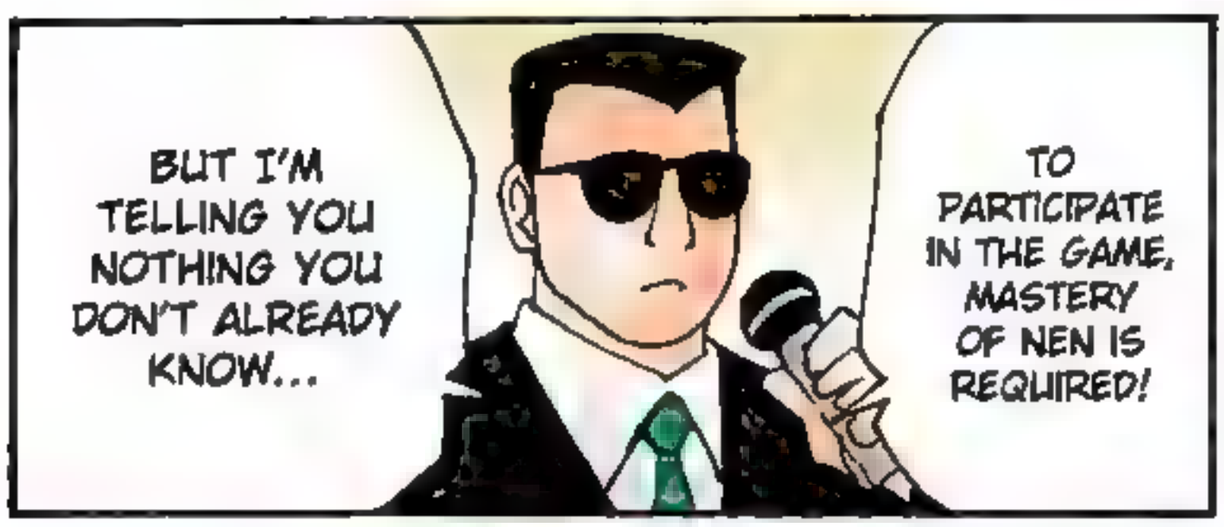
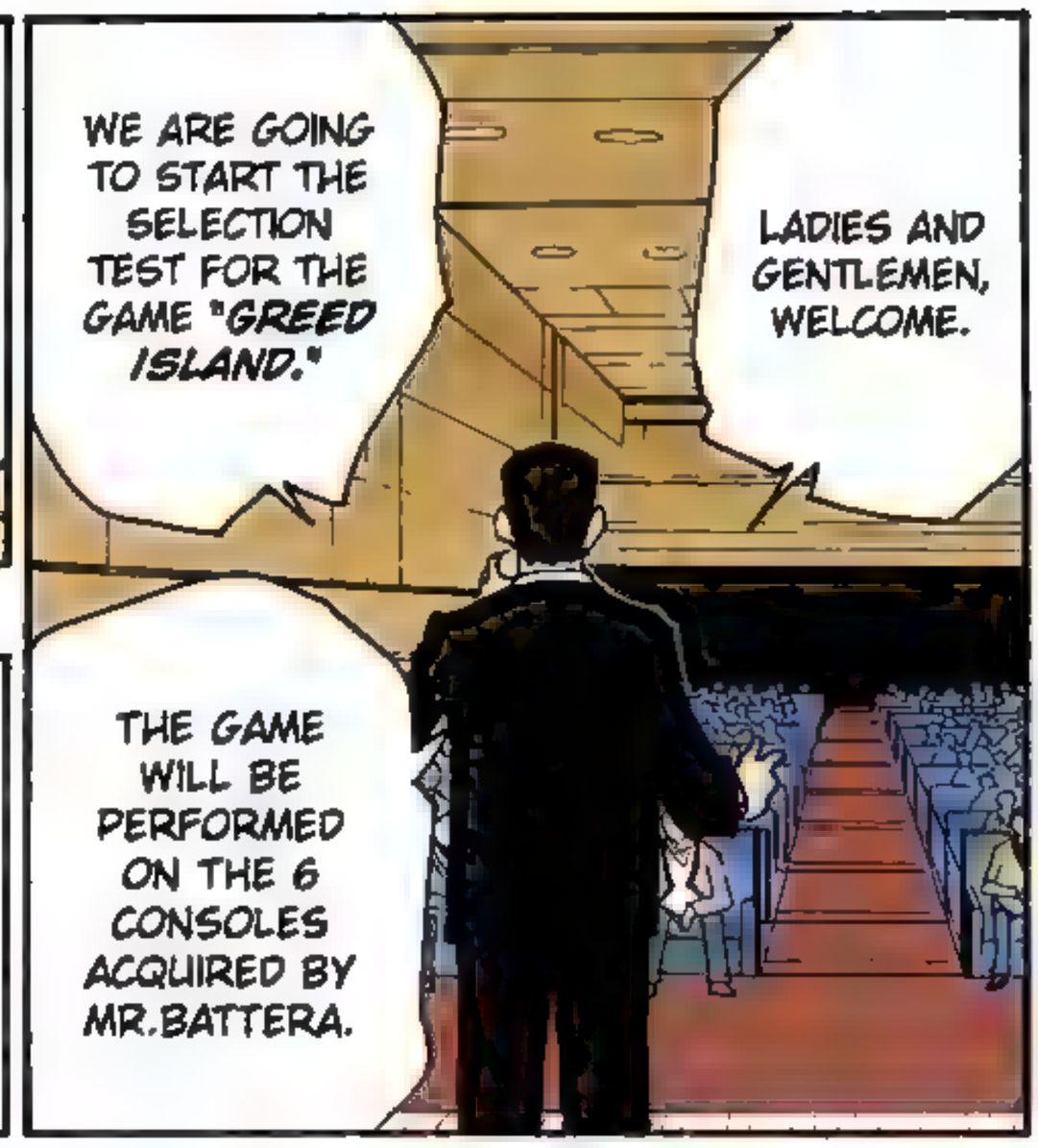
BUT THIS TIME, UNLIKE THE AUCTIONS OF SOUTHERN PEACE, WHERE YOU ONLY NEEDED 12 MILLION TO PARTICIPATE, ONLY THE STRONGEST WILL REMAIN.
YOU ARE ALREADY A PARTICULAR ELITE...


BUT I'M TELLING YOU NOTHING YOU DON'T ALREADY KNOW...
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GAME, MASTERY OF NEN IS REQUIRED!


WE ARE GOING TO START THE SELECTION TEST FOR THE GAME "GREED ISLAND."
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WELCOME.
THE GAME WILL BE PERFORMED ON THE 6 CONSOLES ACQUIRED BY MR.BATTERA.

THE NOTIFICATION OF FAILURE WILL BE AN UNBIASED DECISION, THANK YOU FOR UNDERSTANDING!
YOU WILL BE JUDGED BY AN EXAMINER TO WHOM YOU WILL SHOW YOUR NEN.

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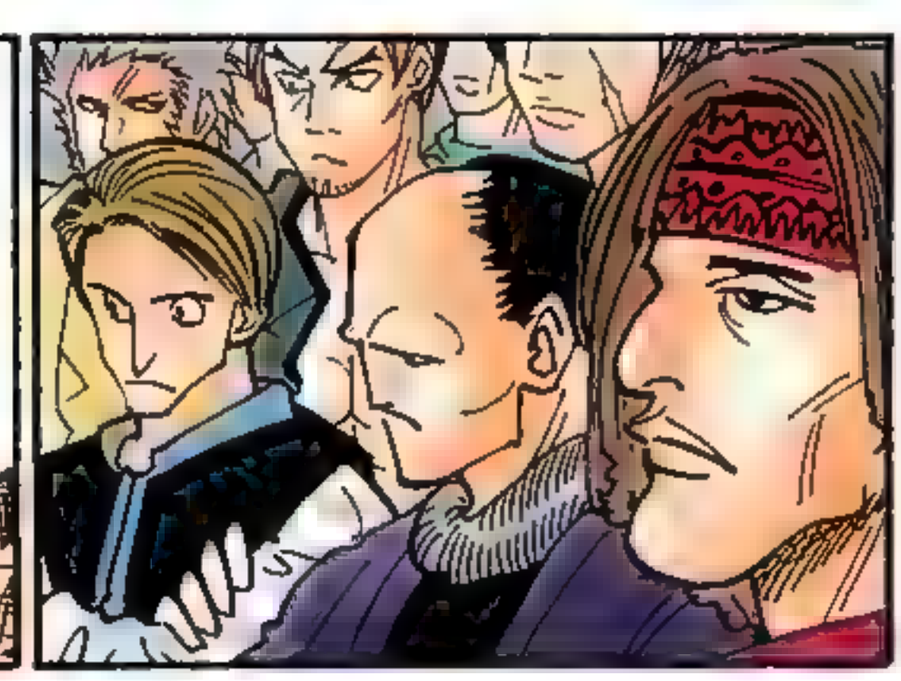
THE PROFESSIONAL HUNTER, TSEZGUERRA!!
THE ONE IN CHARGE OF THE SELECTION TEST IS...



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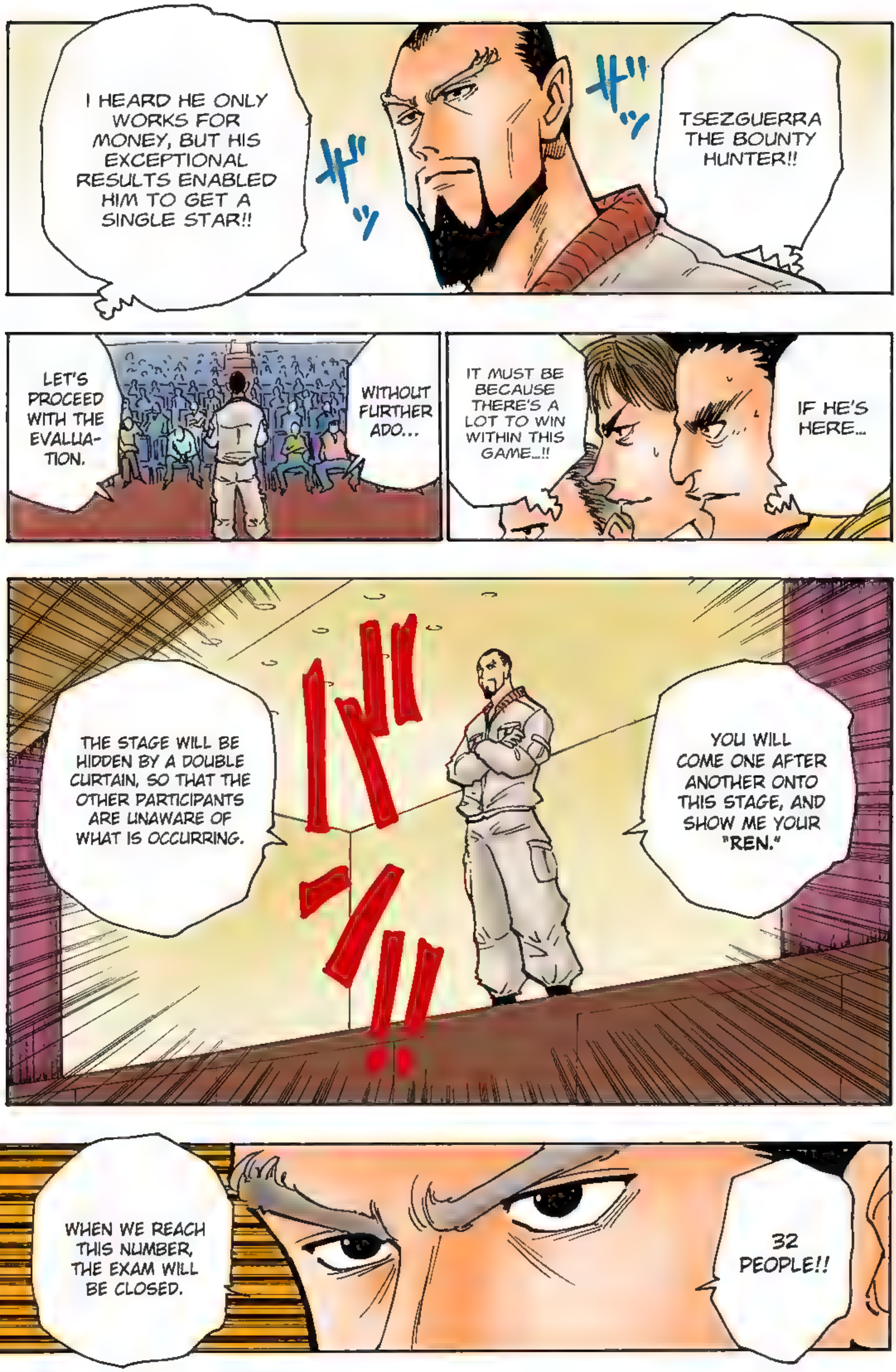
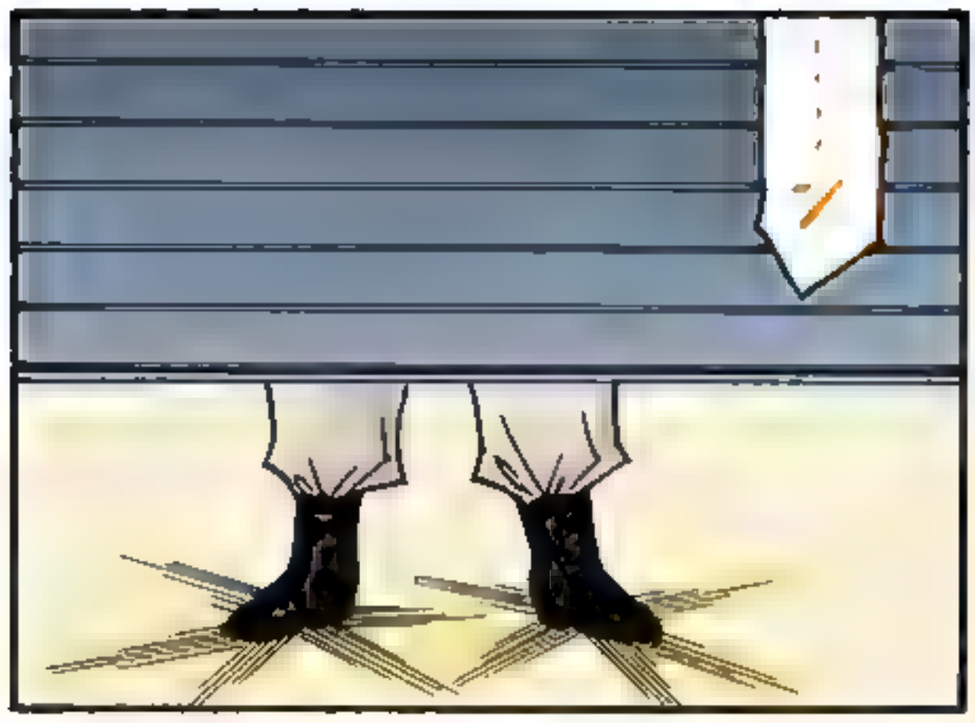
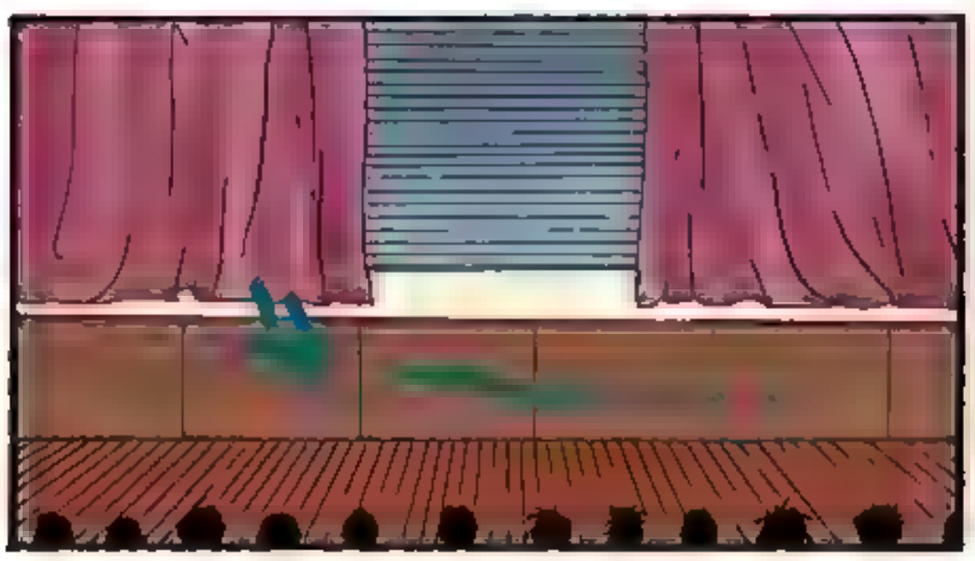
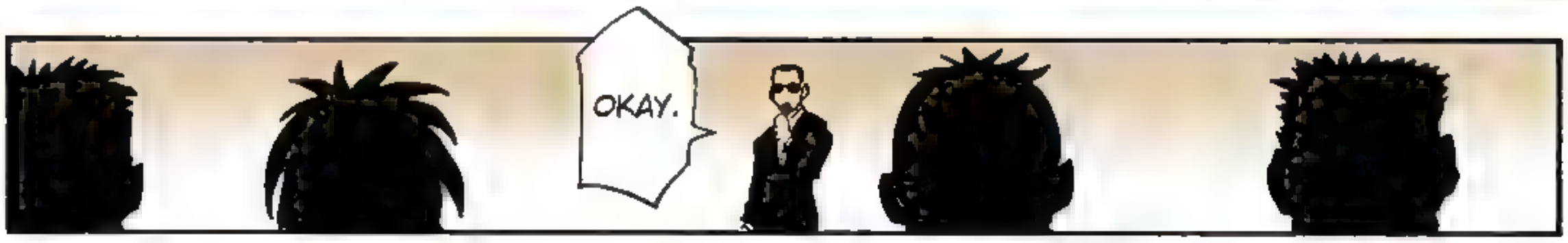

I HEARD HE ONLY WORKS FOR MONEY, BUT HIS EXCEPTIONAL RESULTS ENABLED HIM TO GET A SINGLE STAR!!
TSEZGUERRA THE BOUNTY HUNTER!!
LET'S PROCEED WITH THE EVALUA-TION.
WITHOUT FURTHER ADO...
IT MUST BE BECAUSE THERE'S A LOT TO WIN WITHIN THIS GAME...!!
IF HE'S HERE...
THE STAGE WILL BE HIDDEN BY A DOUBLE CURTAIN, SO THAT THE OTHER PARTICIPANTS ARE UNAWARE OF WHAT IS OCCURRING.
YOU WILL COME ONE AFTER ANOTHER ONTO THIS STAGE, AND SHOW ME YOUR "REN."
WHEN WE REACH THIS NUMBER, THE EXAM WILL BE CLOSED.
32 PEOPLE!!



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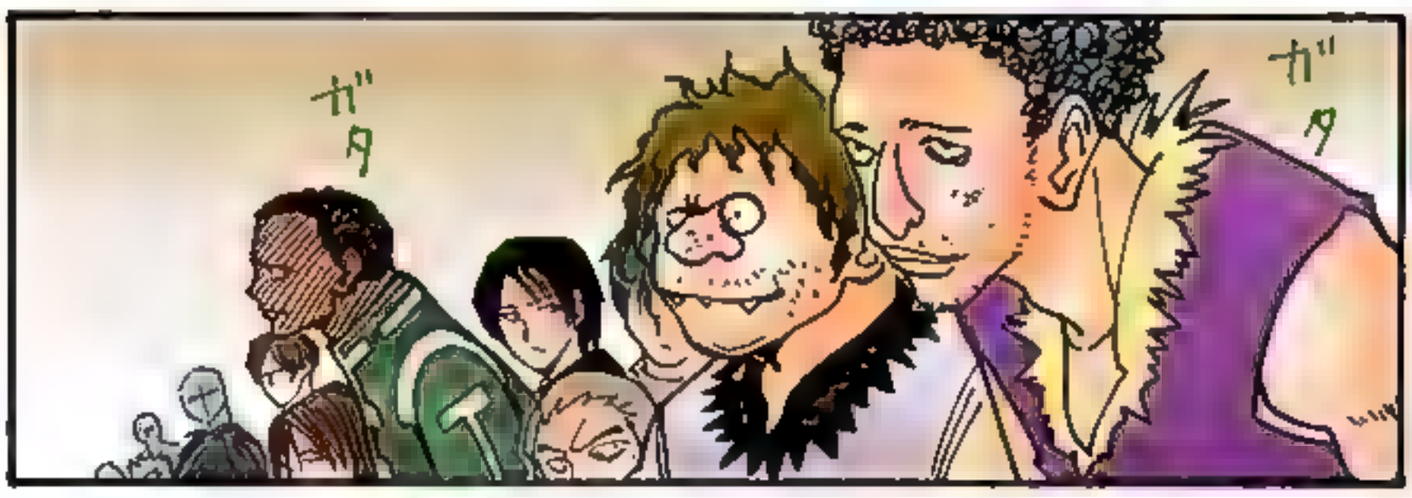
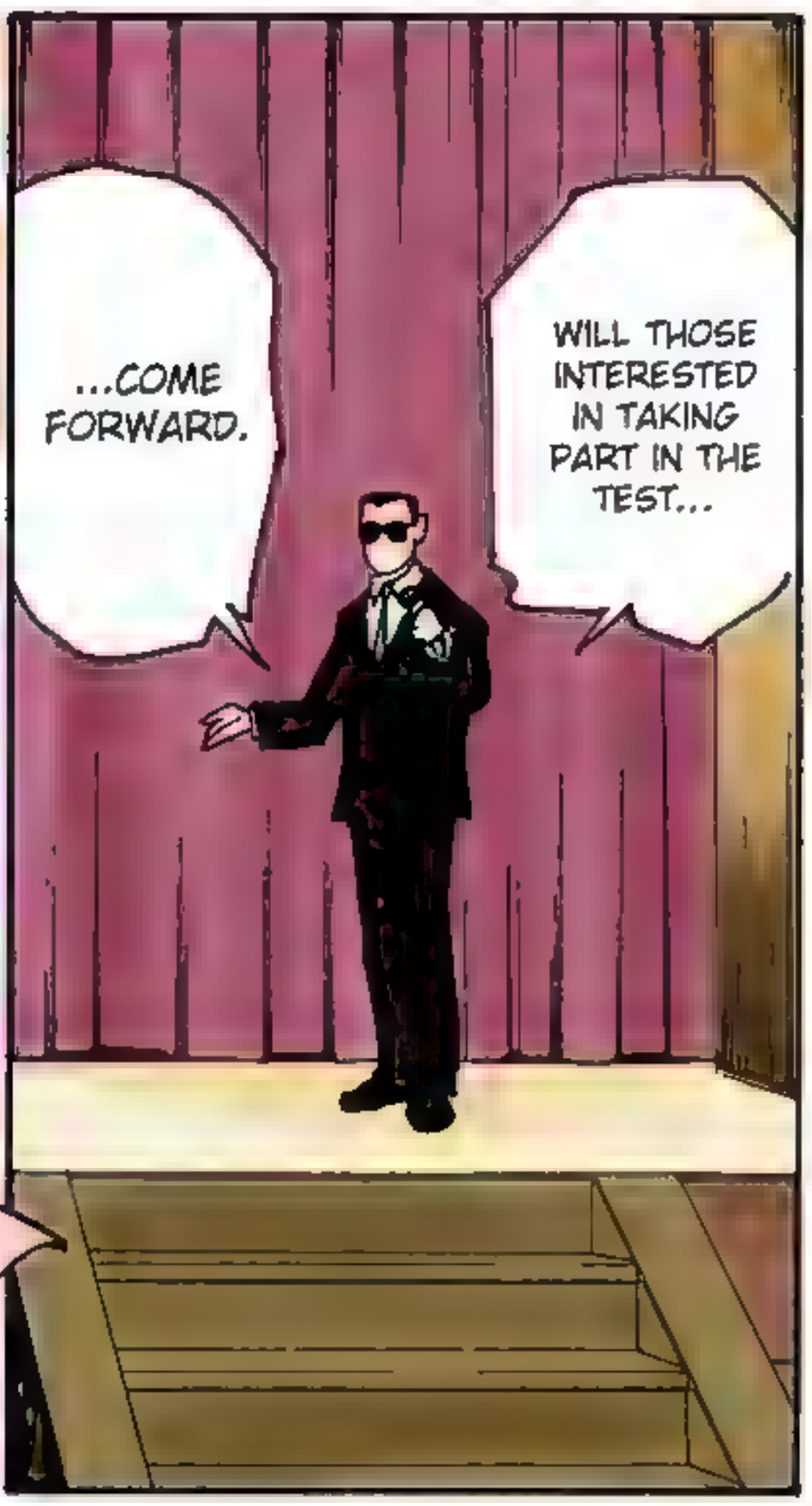
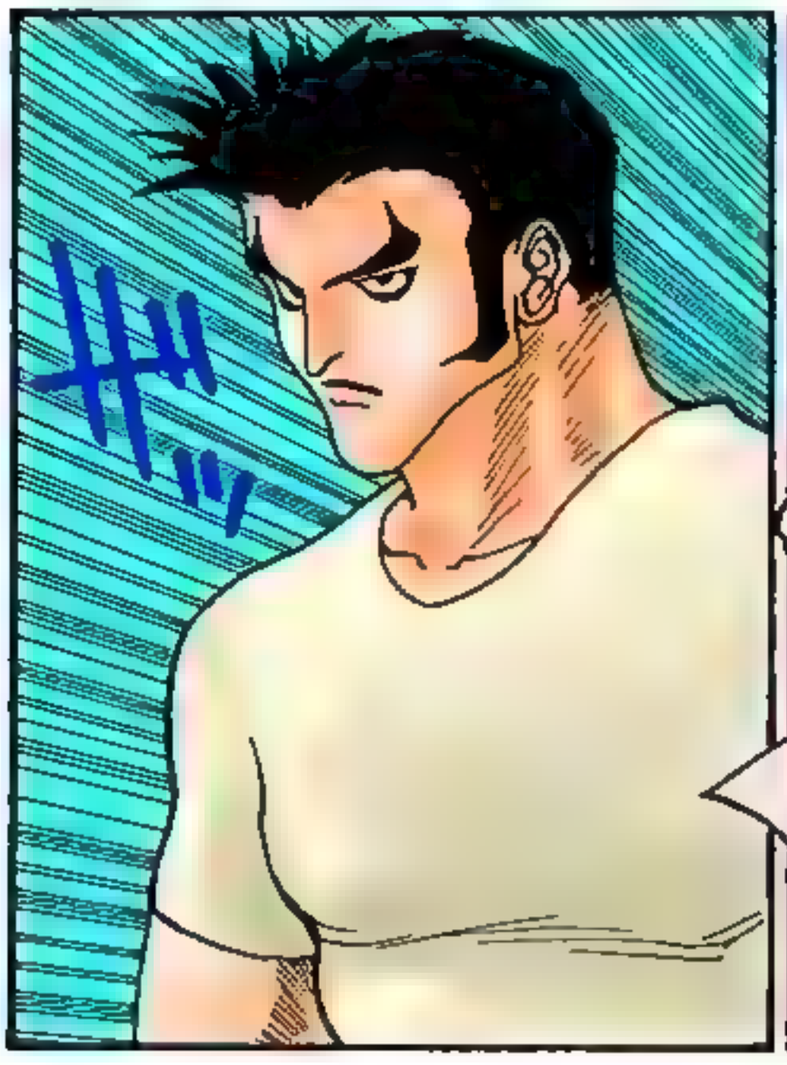
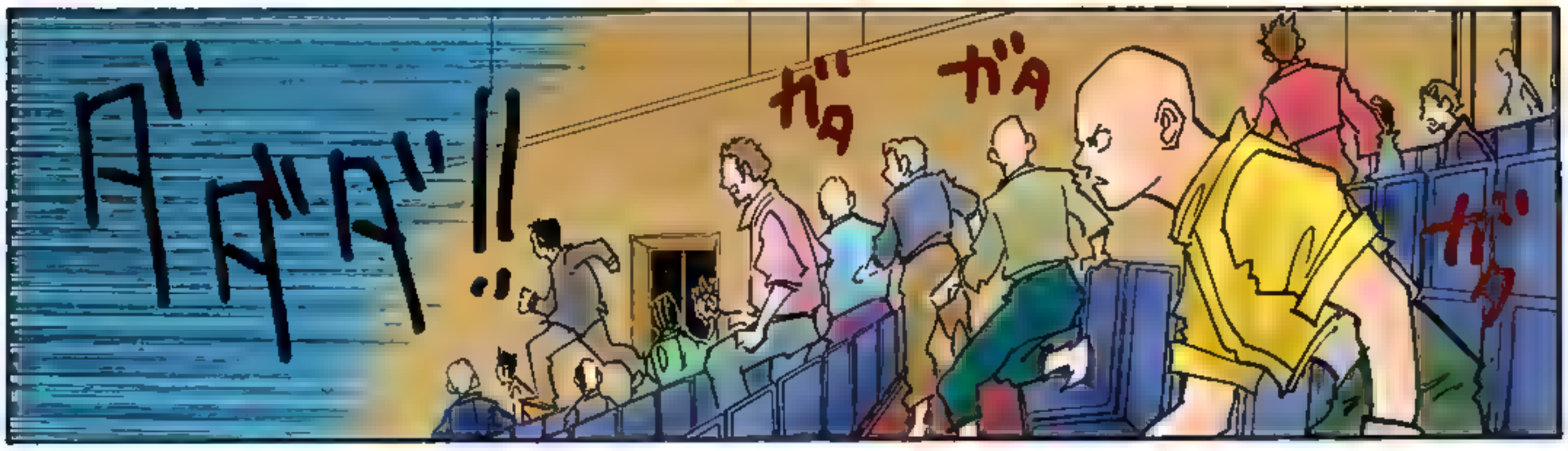



...COME FORWARD.
WILL THOSE INTERESTED IN TAKING PART IN THE TEST...

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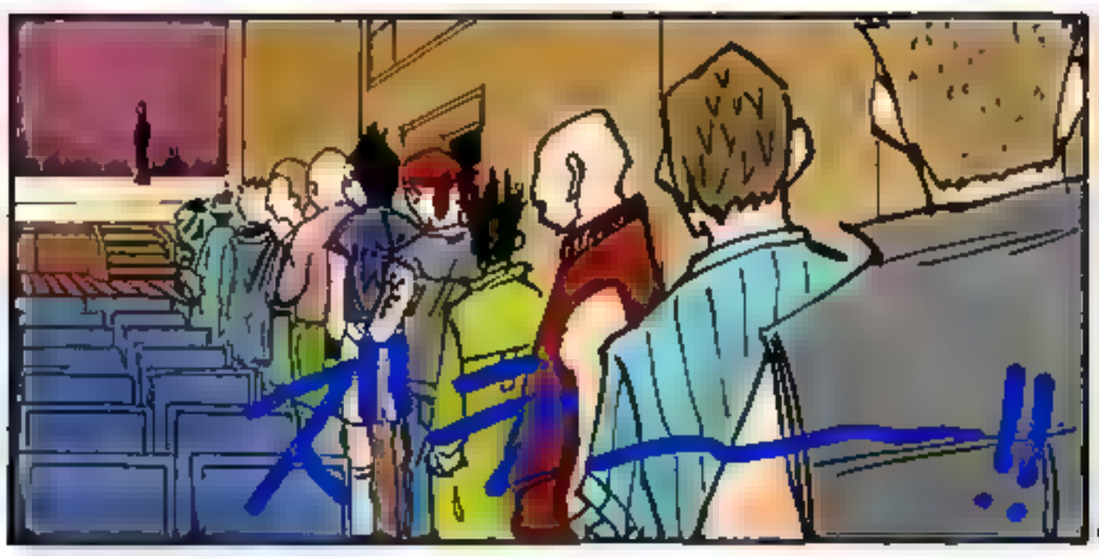
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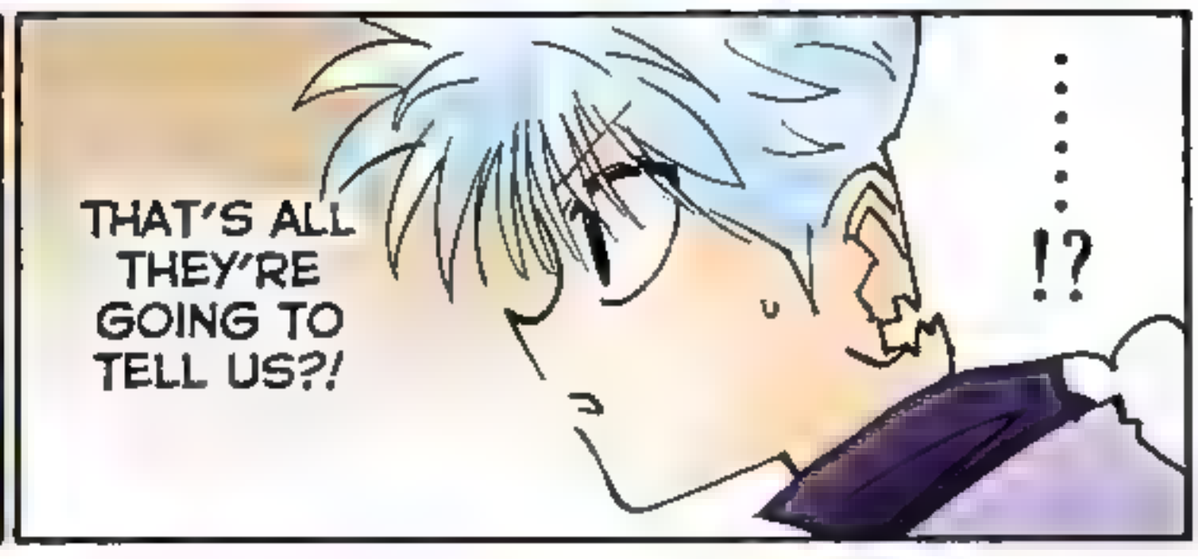
THAT'S ALL THEY'RE GOING TO TELL US?!
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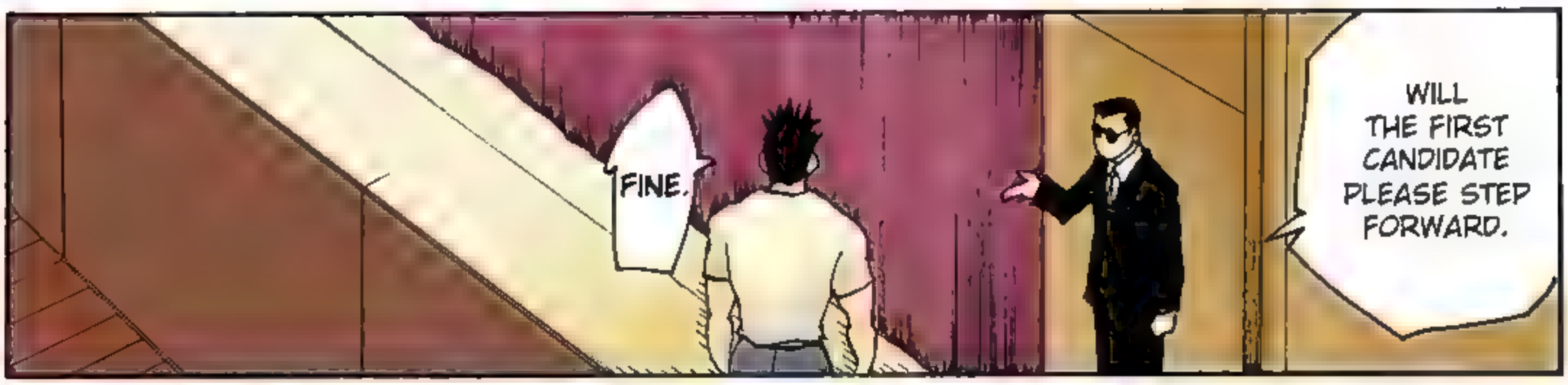
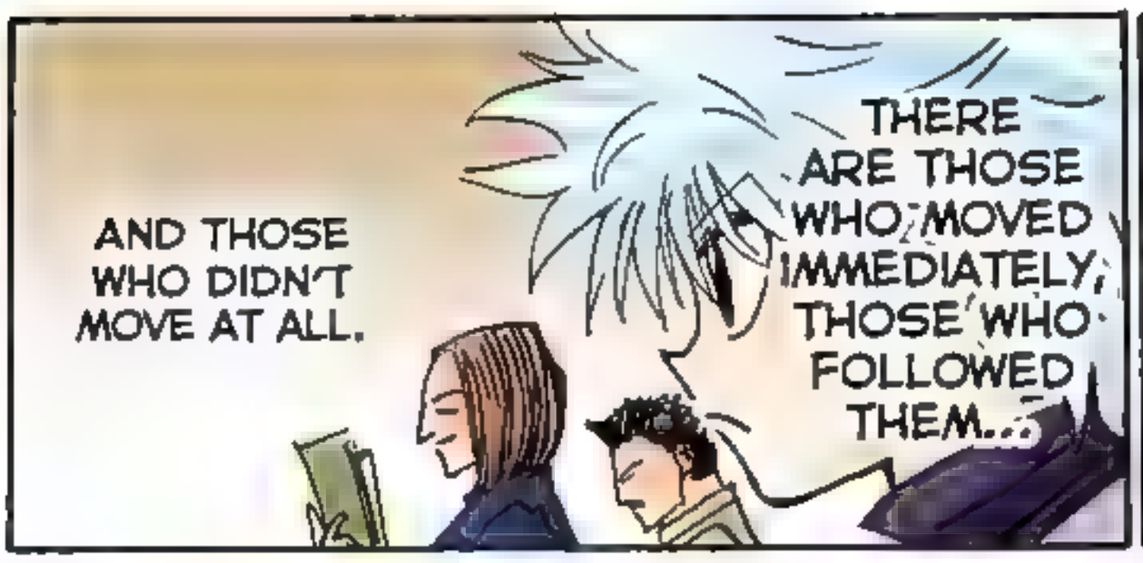

FINE.
WILL THE FIRST CANDIDATE PLEASE STEP FORWARD.


AND THOSE WHO DIDN'T MOVE AT ALL.
THERE ARE THOSE WHO MOVED IMMEDIATELY, THOSE WHO FOLLOWED THEM...

BUT, THERE'S SO MUCH WE DON'T KNOW...
WE'RE GIVEN NO MORE DETAILS...

THE TASK BEFORE US IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT AND WE'LL HAVE TO SURVIVE THROUGH COUNTLESS JOB INTERVIEWS!!! MUST BE ONE OF THOSE WHO REMAINS IN THE END...!!
I SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING, WE'RE THE ONE'S BEING JUDGED HERE!!

STAYING WITH THE BEST GROUP...!!

WHAT WE DO NOW... FROM THE LITTLE EXPLANATIONS WE HAVE RECEIVED, WE HAVE TO GUESS THE REST.

IS ALSO TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN THE SELECTION!!

I'M SURE THE CHOICE EACH PERSON MAKES HERE...

IT CAN'T BE THE FIRST TIME THEY'VE TAKEN THIS TEST...!!

EVERYONE HAS ALREADY UNDERSTOOD THIS! THAT'S WHY THEY MOVED WITHOUT QUESTIONING THOSE IN CHARGE, OR THEMSELVES... BECAUSE THEY MOST LIKELY KNEW THAT EVEN IF THEY ASKED, THEY WOULD RECEIVE NO ANSWERS...!!

...APPLICANTS IN THIS HALL.

THERE ARE ABOUT 200...

AND ABOUT 20 OTHERS...

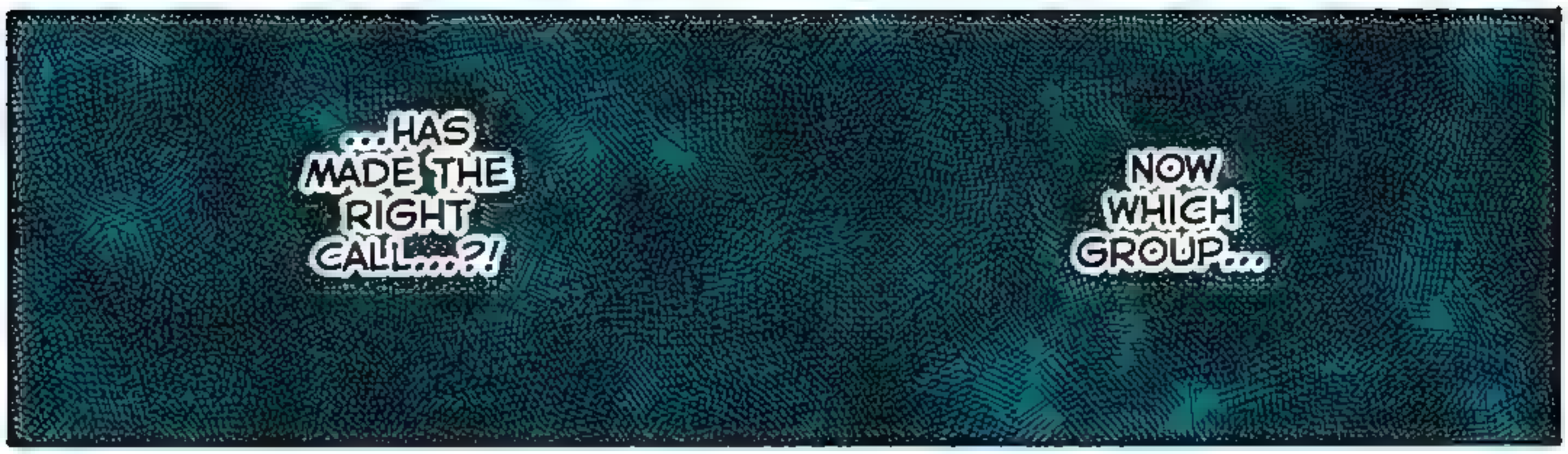
...HAVEN'T MOVED.

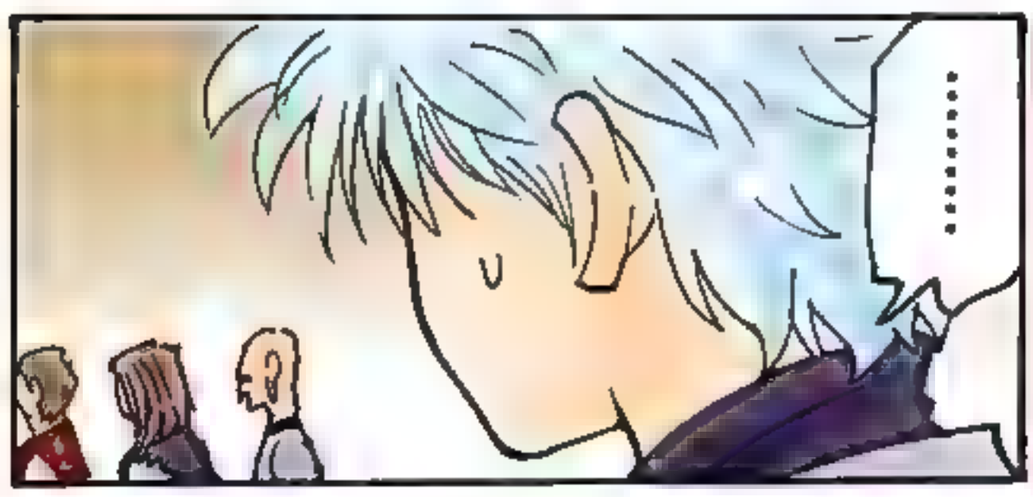
LOOKING FOR THE BEST CHANCE TO PASS THE SELECTION.

MORE THAN 50 CLUSTER AROUND FIGURING OUT WHAT TO DO...

WAITING FOR THEIR TURN...!

THERE ABOUT 100 ARE APPLICANTS IN LINE...


...HAS MADE THE RIGHT CALL...?!
NOW WHICH GROUP...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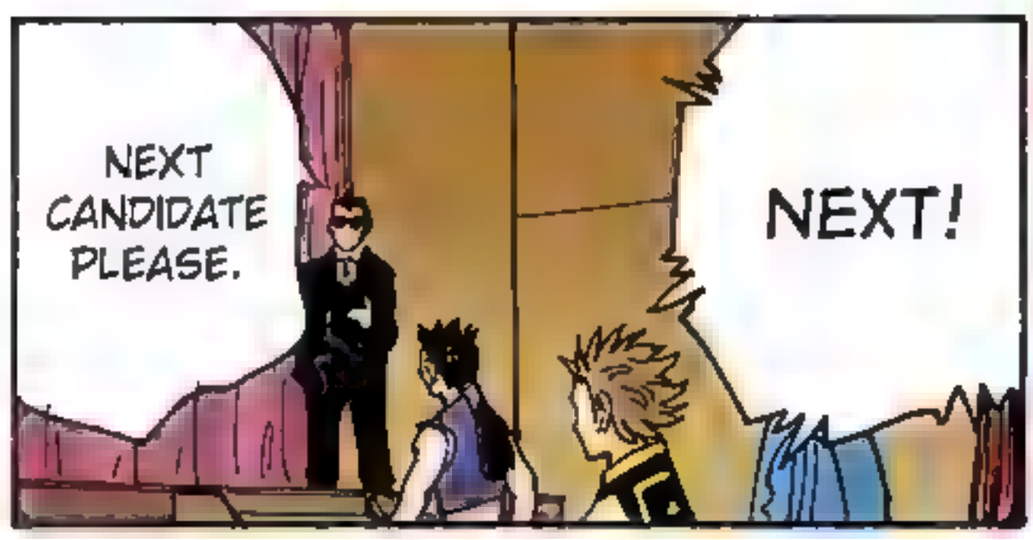
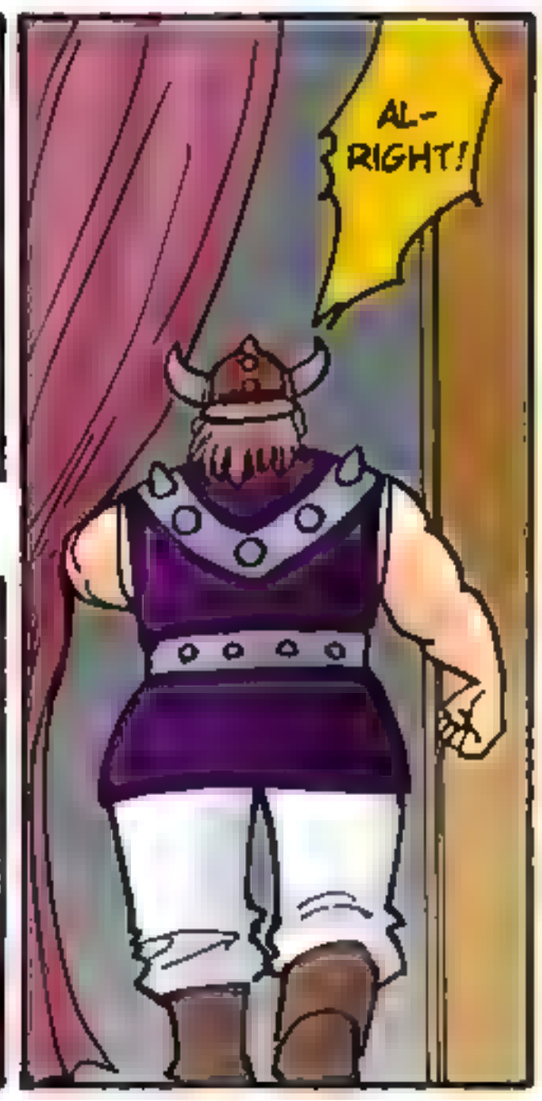
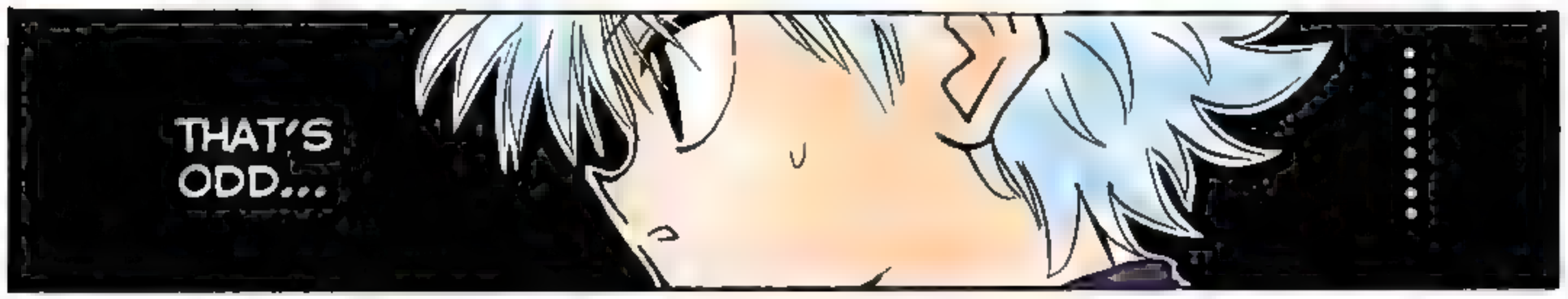

NEXT CANDIDATE PLEASE.
NEXT!


AL-RIGHT!

COME ON UP!
NEXT!


THAT'S ODD...
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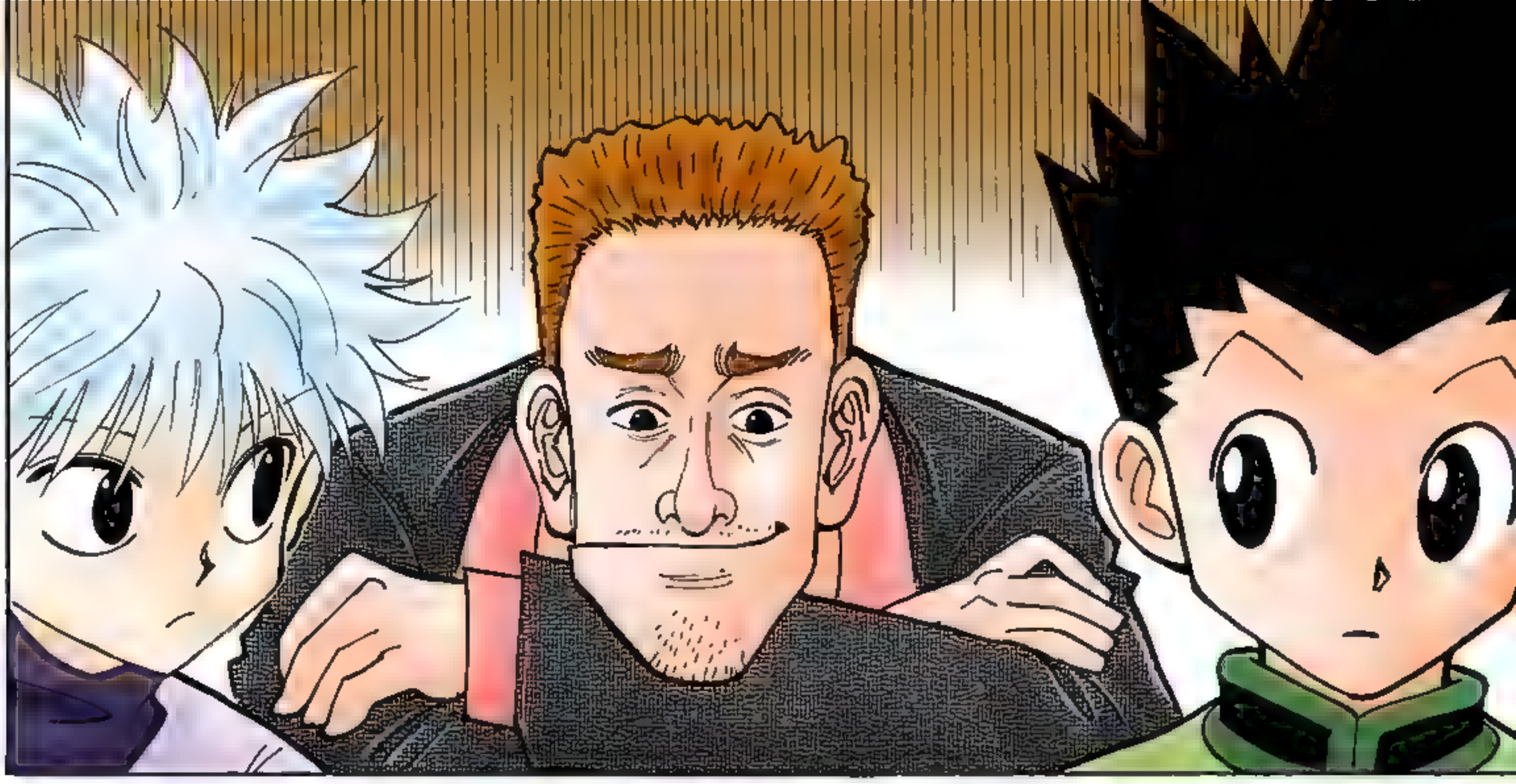
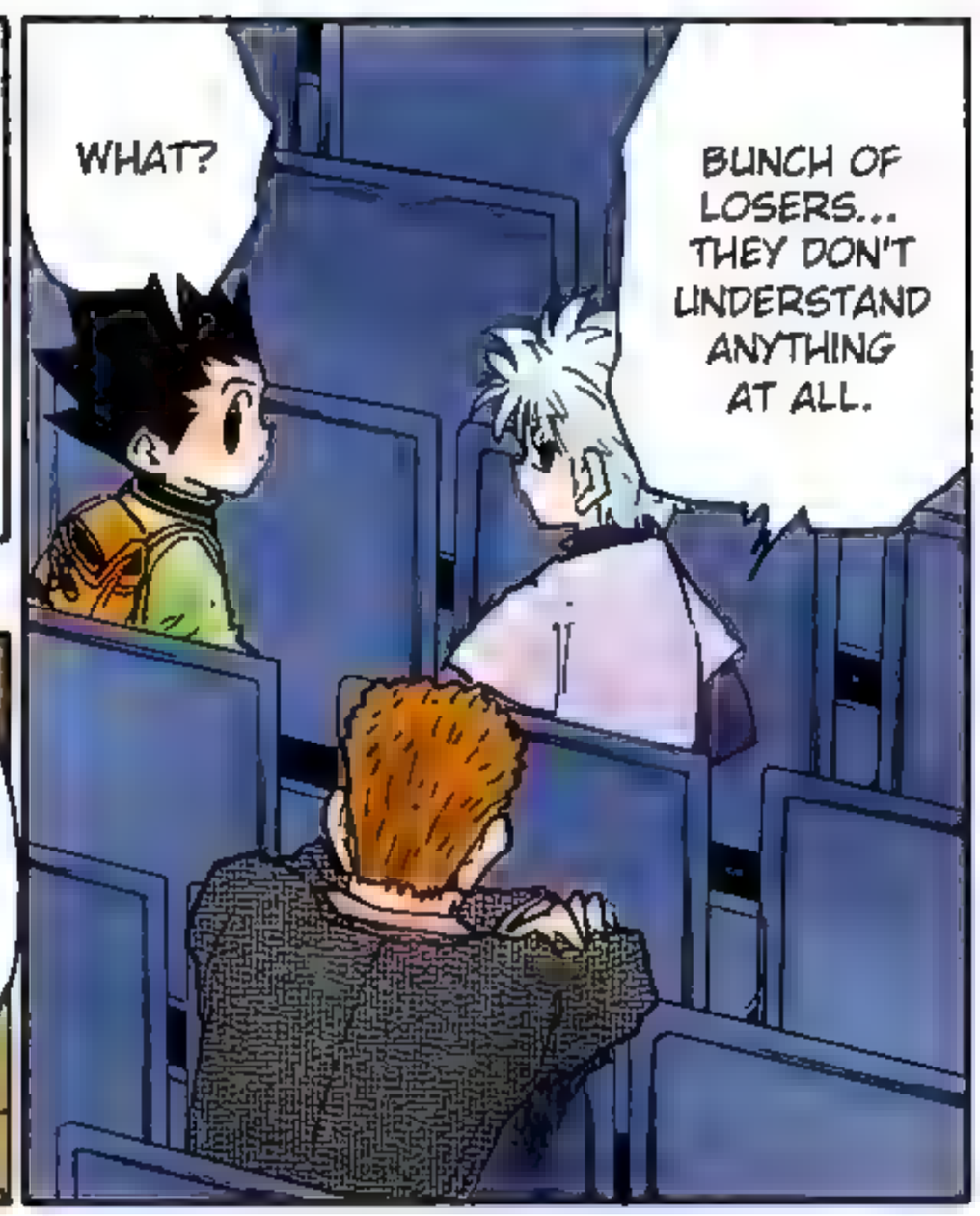
HEH HEH HEH!
I DON'T LIKE THAT... I SHOULD HAVE GOTTEN IN LINE TOO_

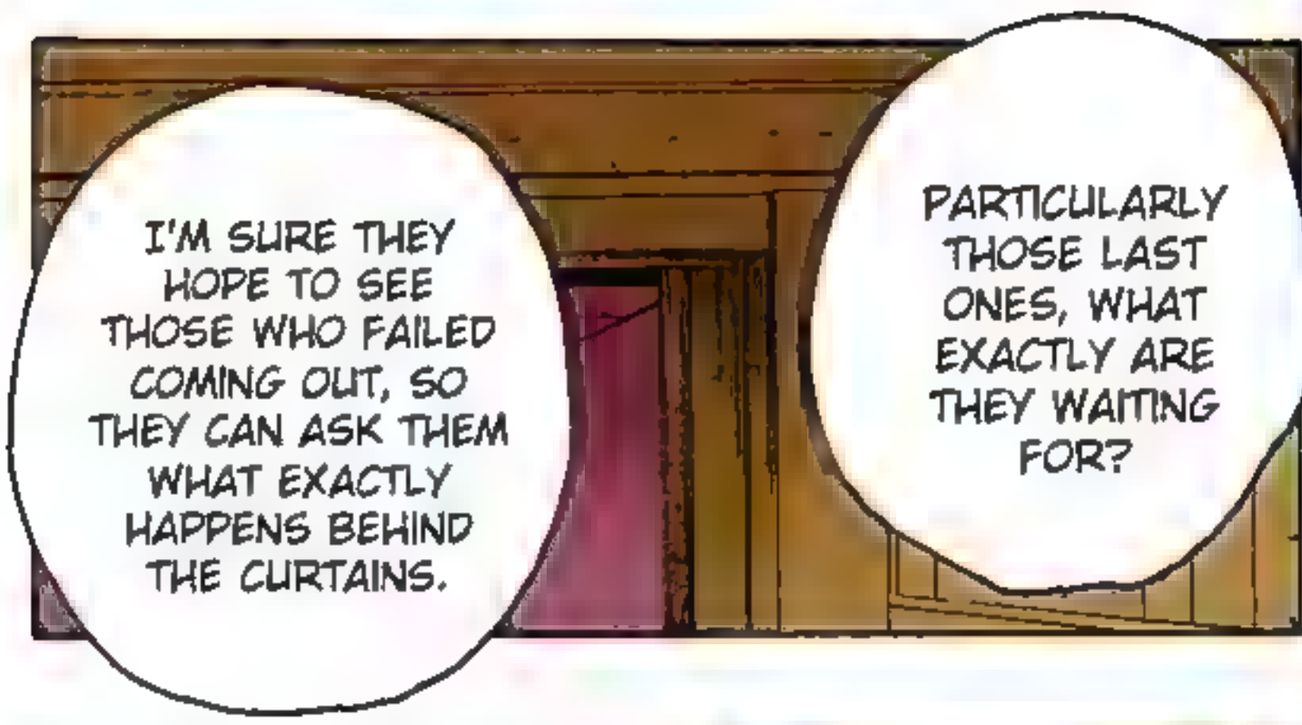
CAN THEY ALL HAVE BEEN...
...ALREADY ENLISTED...?!

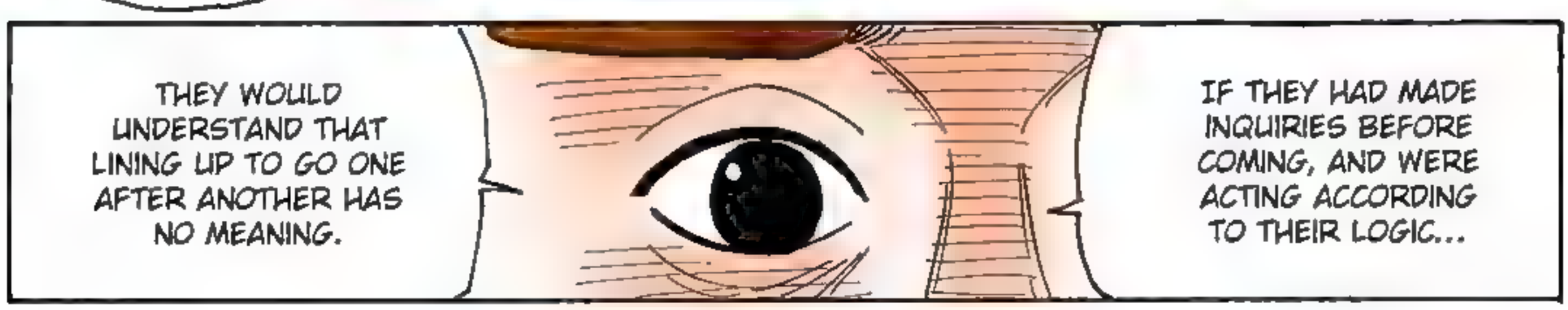
...NO ONE HAS LEFT.
MORE THAN 10 PEOPLE HAVE ENTERED, BUT...

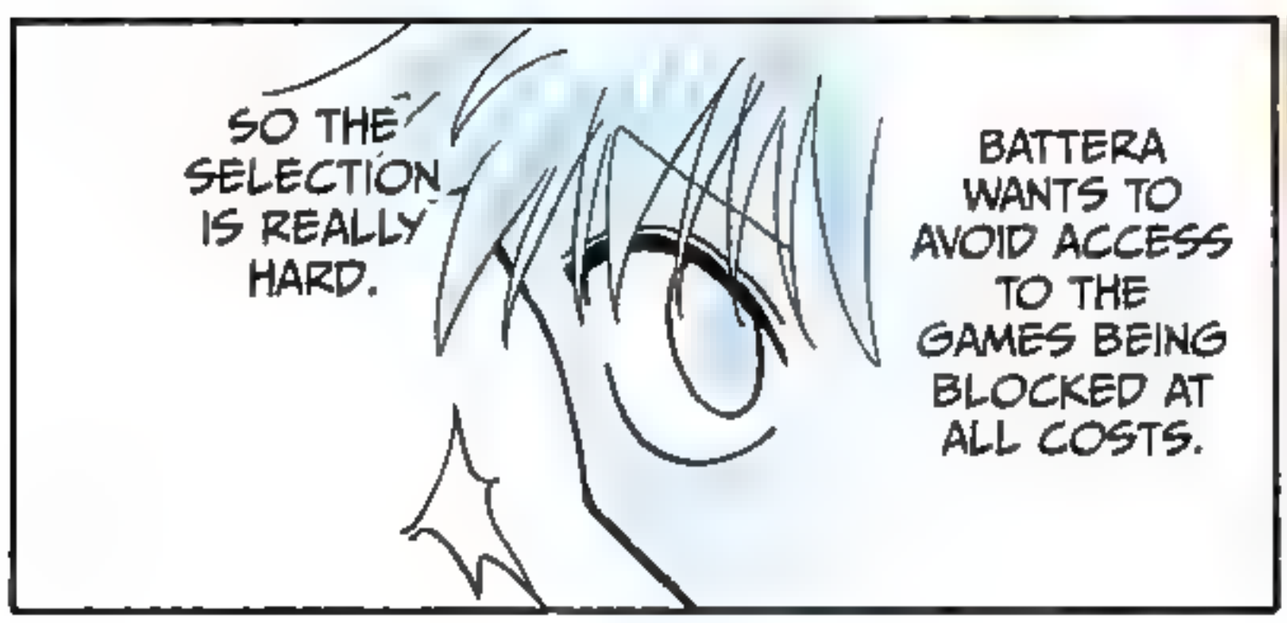


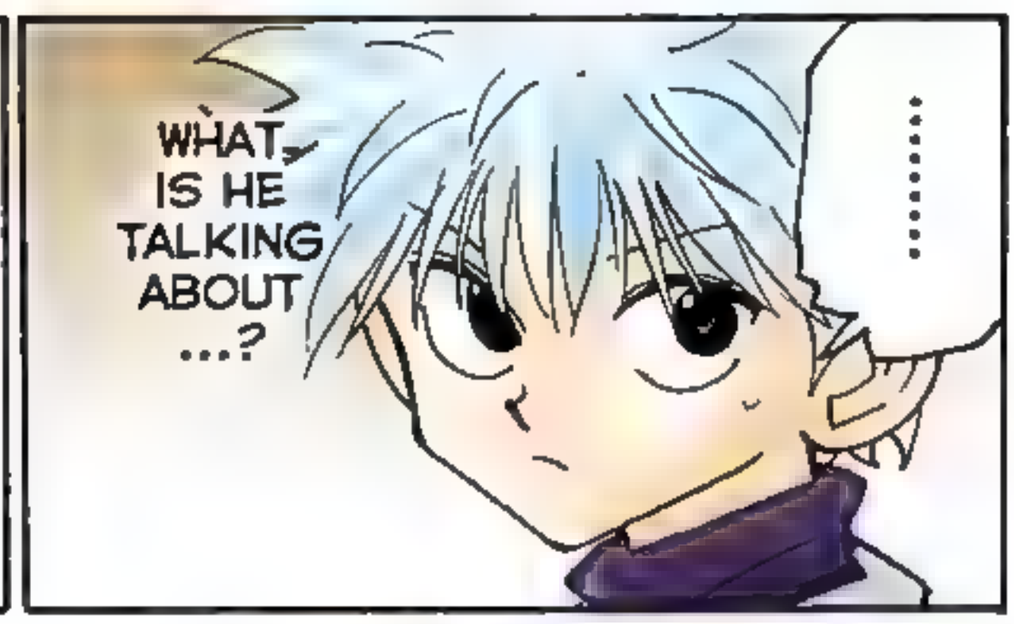
THOSE GUYS IN LINE AND THOSE WHO ARE WAITING, GATHERED AROUND THEM.


WHAT?
BUNCH OF LOSERS... THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND ANYTHING AT ALL.


I'M SURE THEY HOPE TO SEE THOSE WHO FAILED COMING OUT, SO THEY CAN ASK THEM WHAT EXACTLY HAPPENS BEHIND THE CURTAINS.
PARTICULARLY THOSE LAST ONES, WHAT EXACTLY ARE THEY WAITING FOR?


THEY WOULD UNDERSTAND THAT LINING UP TO GO ONE AFTER ANOTHER HAS NO MEANING.
IF THEY HAD MADE INQUIRIES BEFORE COMING, AND WERE ACTING ACCORDING TO THEIR LOGIC...


SO THE SELECTION IS REALLY HARD.
BATTERA WANTS TO AVOID ACCESS TO THE GAMES BEING BLOCKED AT ALL COSTS.


WHAT, IS HE TALKING ABOUT ...?
.....

EXACTLY.

THERE WON'T BE 32 PLAYERS ENLISTED AFTER THE SELECTION ...!!

I GET IT NOW_!

...AND IF WE REACH OUR MAXIMUM OF 32...

BUT FOUR OF THE CONSOLES MR.BATTERA WON HAVE A MEMORY CARD IN SLOT A ALREADY.

IF WE WANT TO SAVE THE GAME DATA, 8 PLAYERS MAY ENTER WITH EACH CONSOLE!!

IN TOTAL 32 PEOPLE CAN PLAY!!

USE THE ADAPTER IN BOTH SLOTS FOR THE OTHER TWO CONSOLES, AND EIGHT PEOPLE CAN PLAY EACH... ALSO ADDING UP TO 16.

THAT'S 16 PEOPLE FOR THESE FOUR CONSOLES!!

SO EVEN WITH AN ADAPTOR IN SLOT B, ONLY FOUR MORE PEOPLE CAN PLAY...!

BUT WOULD THE CLIENT WANT TO FILL ALL 32 SLOTS?

SO 32 PEOPLE IS THE MAXIMUM NUMBER TO GET IN!!

NATURALLY, IT'S LOGICAL FOR SECURITY PURPOSES. TO LEAVE SOME SLOTS OPEN, IN CASE A NEW EXCEPTIONAL CHALLENGER APPEARS...!!

GREED ISLAND IS A GAME NO ONE HAS FINISHED IN 10 YEARS! IT'S BUILT SO THAT AS LONG AS A PLAYER IS ALIVE WITHIN THE GAME, THEY CAN'T BE REPLACED...!

UNLIKELY!

AS FOR THOSE WAITING IN LINE, AND THOSE TRYING TO GET ANY INFORMATION AT ALL, I CAN SAY THAT NONE OF THEM WILL BE ENLISTED...!!

IN MY OPINION, THEY'LL ONLY KEEP 20 PLAYERS, MAX.

THE ONES LIKE YOU AND ME WHO UNDERSTOOD THE TRICK, AND QUIETLY SAT DOWN TO CONCENTRATE...

THE ONLY ONES WHO STAND A CHANCE ARE THOSE WHO LEFT THEIR SEATS WITHOUT A MOMENT'S HESITATION, AND...

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RIGHT?

GON?

DID YOU KNOW?

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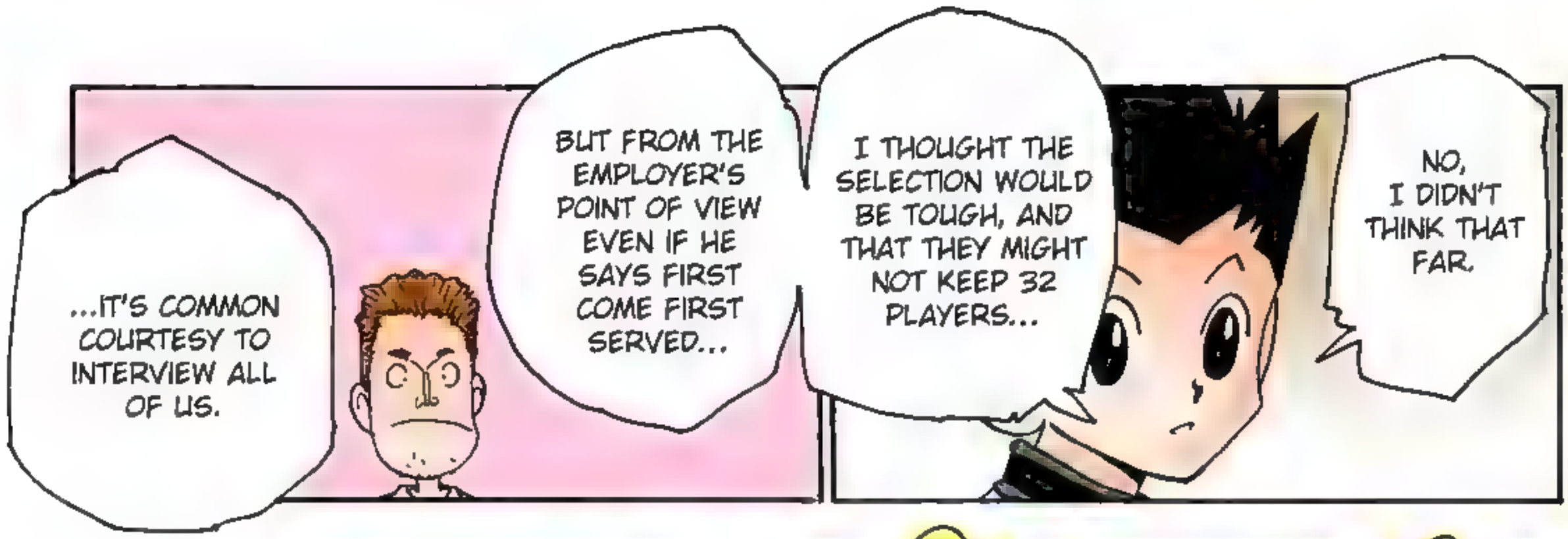
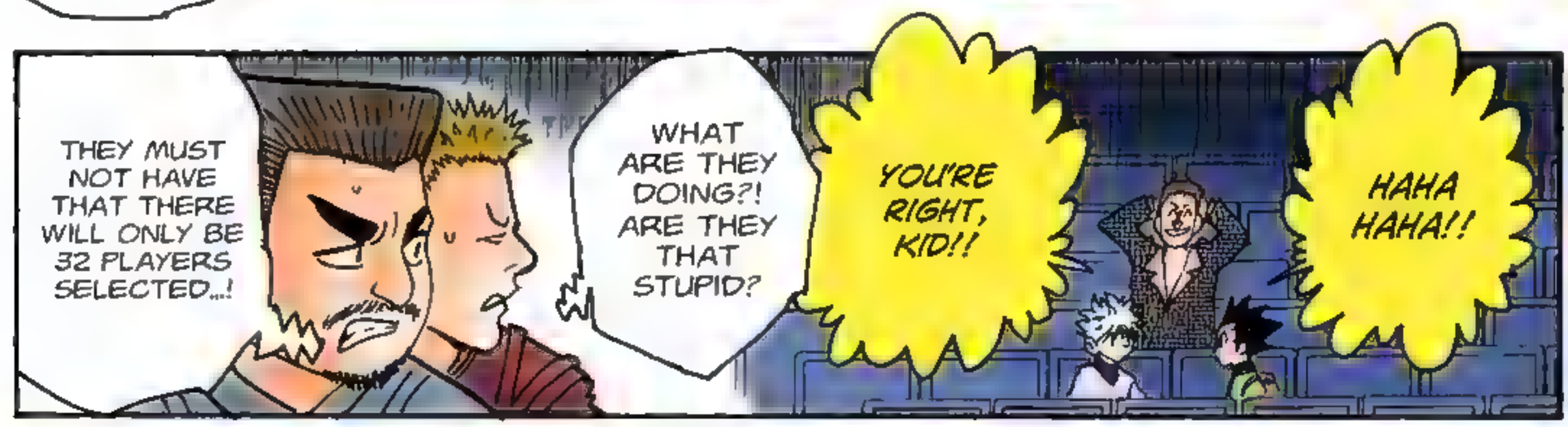
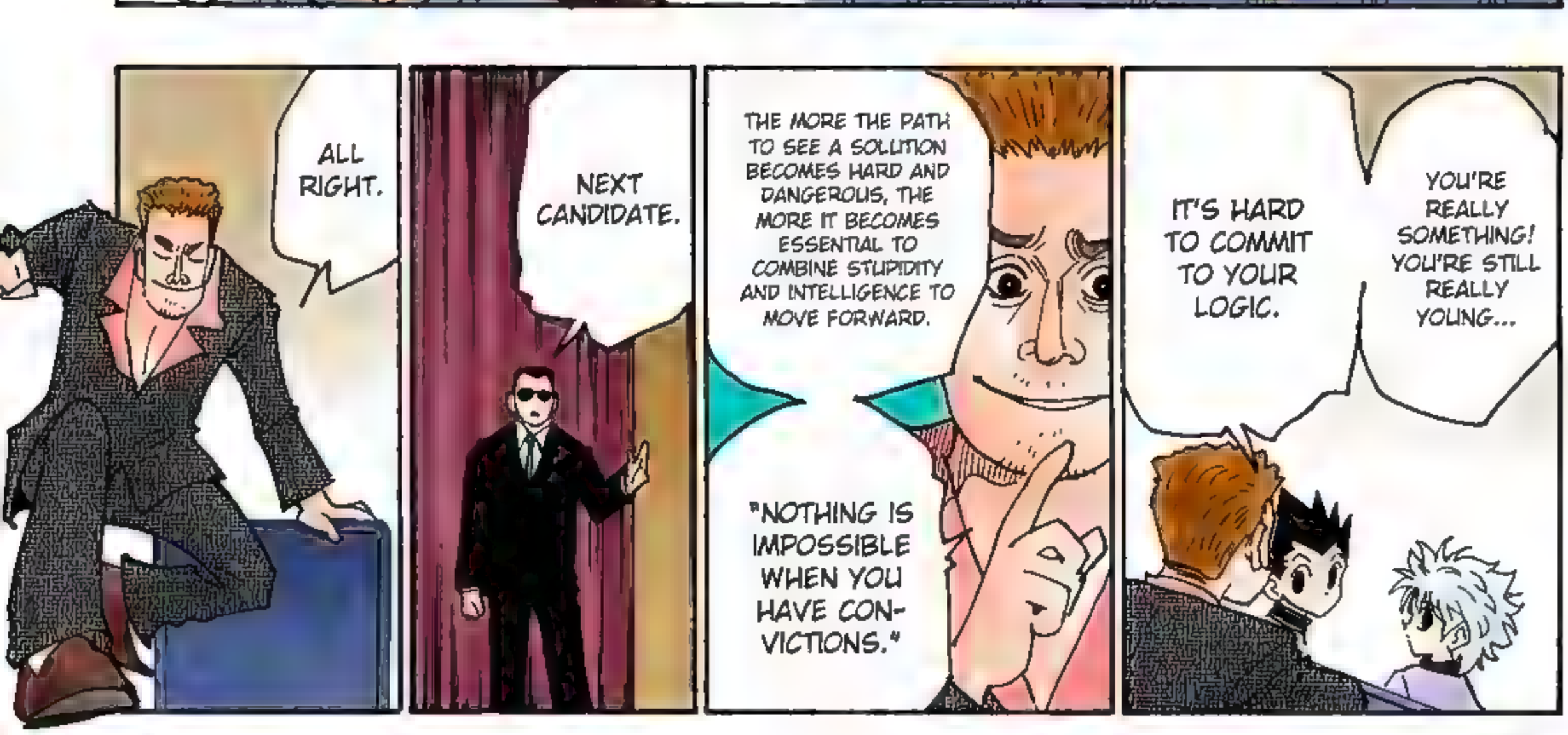
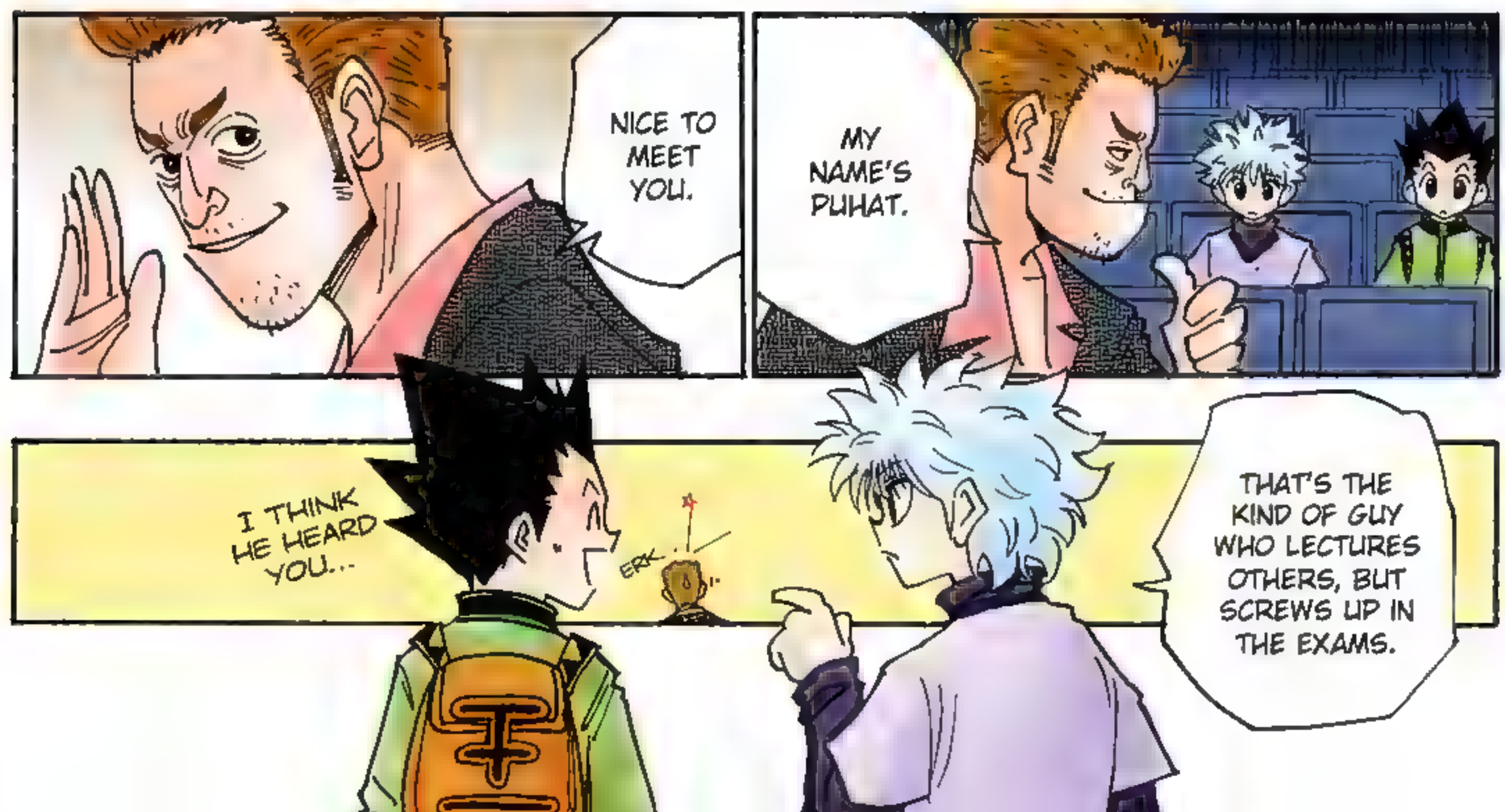

...IT'S COMMON COURTESY TO INTERVIEW ALL OF US.
BUT FROM THE EMPLOYER'S POINT OF VIEW EVEN IF HE SAYS FIRST COME FIRST SERVED...
I THOUGHT THE SELECTION WOULD BE TOUGH, AND THAT THEY MIGHT NOT KEEP 32 PLAYERS...
NO, I DIDN'T THINK THAT FAR.


THEY MUST NOT HAVE THAT THERE WILL ONLY BE 32 PLAYERS SELECTED...!
WHAT ARE THEY DOING?! ARE THEY THAT STUPID?
YOU'RE RIGHT, KID!!
HAHA HAHA!!


ALL RIGHT.
NEXT CANDIDATE.
THE MORE THE PATH TO SEE A SOLUTION BECOMES HARD AND DANGEROUS, THE MORE IT BECOMES ESSENTIAL TO COMBINE STUPIDITY AND INTELLIGENCE TO MOVE FORWARD.
"NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WHEN YOU HAVE CON-VICTIONS."
IT'S HARD TO COMMIT TO YOUR LOGIC.
YOU'RE REALLY SOMETHING! YOU'RE STILL REALLY YOUNG...


NICE TO MEET YOU.
MY NAME'S PUHAT.
I THINK HE HEARD YOU...
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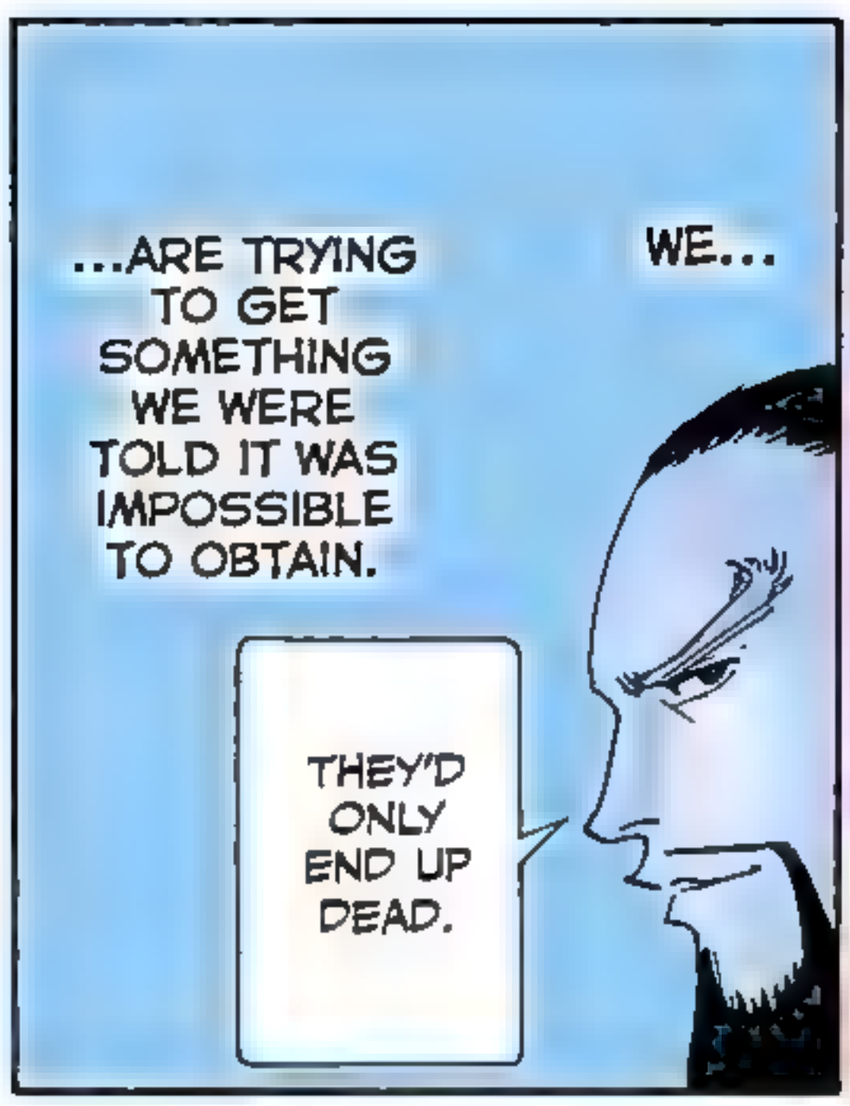
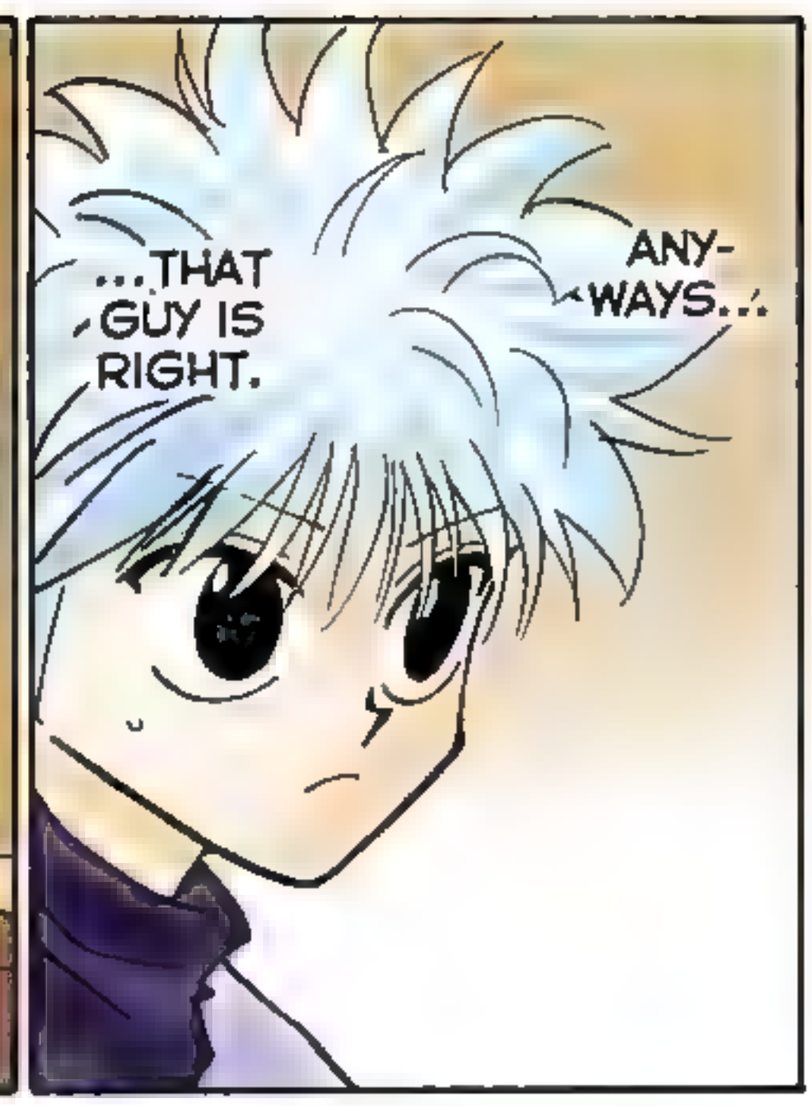
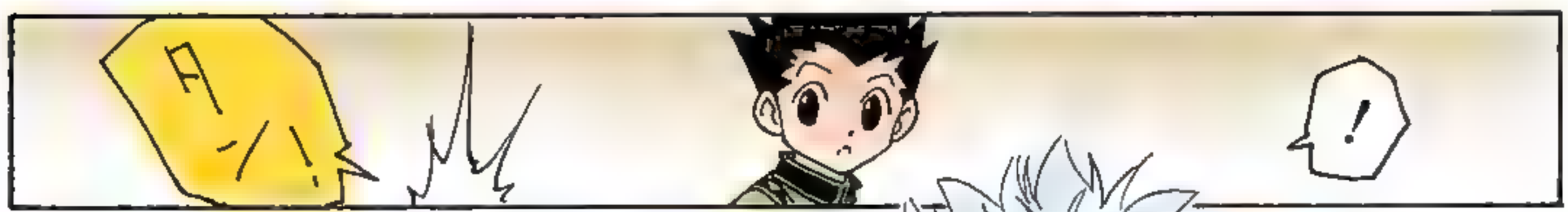
THAT'S THE KIND OF GUY WHO LECTURES OTHERS, BUT SCREWS UP IN THE EXAMS.


...ARE TRYING TO GET SOMETHING WE WERE TOLD IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO OBTAIN.
WE...
THEY'D ONLY END UP DEAD.

IT WAS A FUNDA-MENTAL ERROR.
I DWELLED TOO MUCH ON MAKING THE RIGHT DECISION.


...THAT GUY IS RIGHT.
ANY-WAYS...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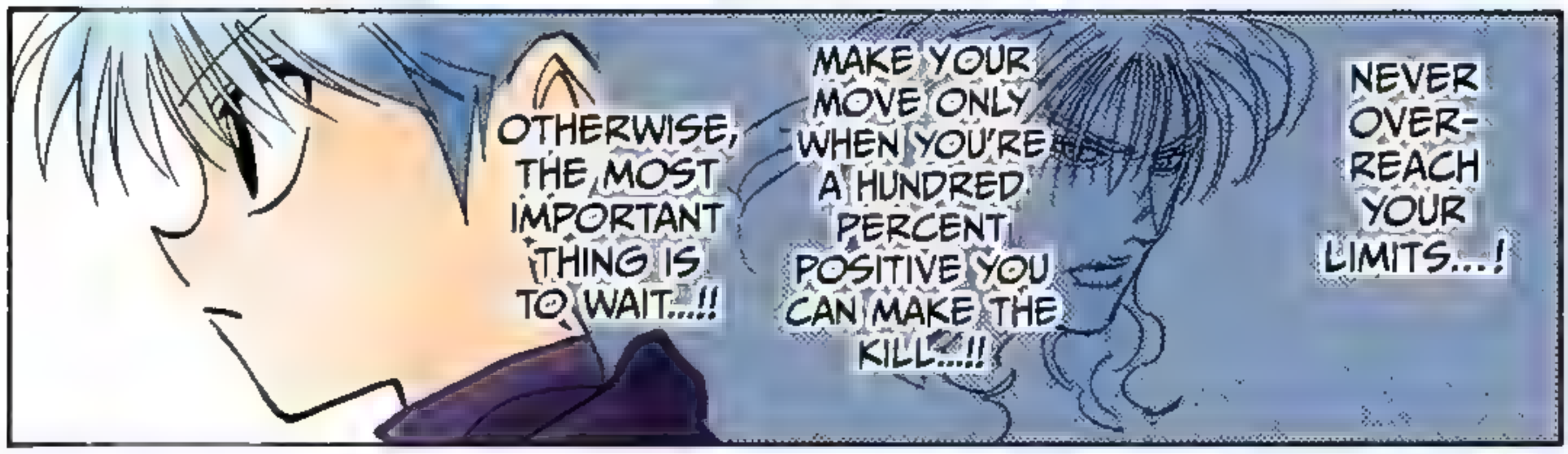
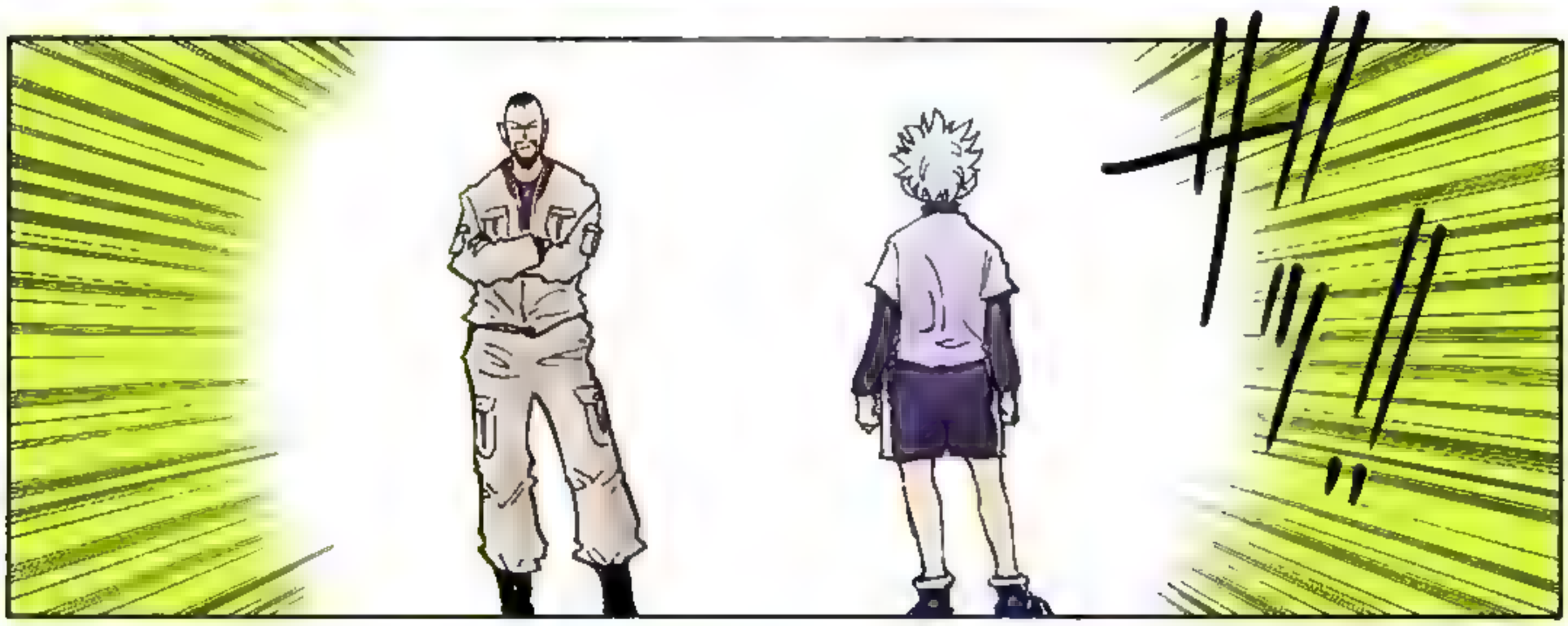
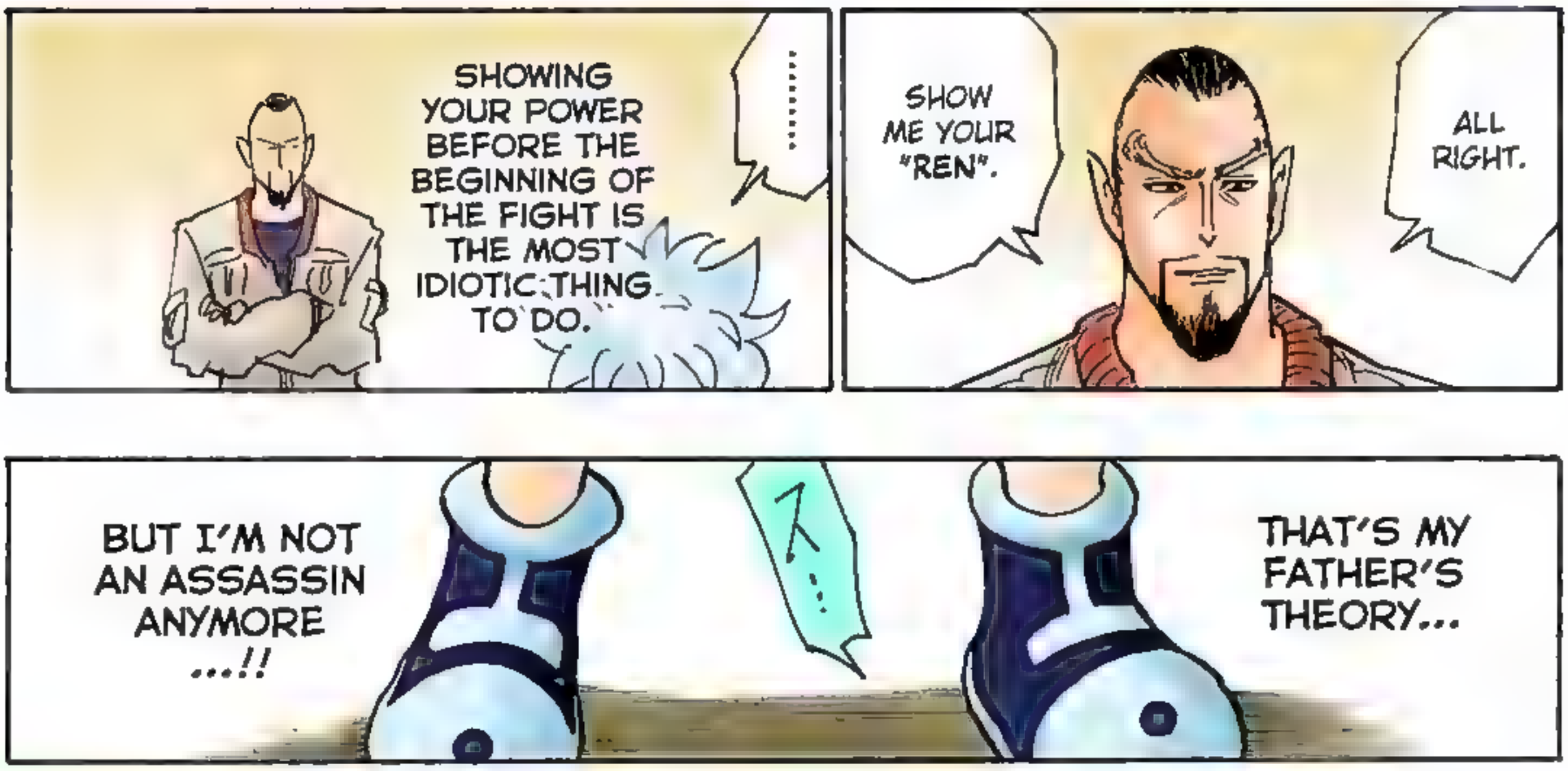
I'LL GO FIRST.
NEXT PLEASE.
GO FOR IT!
I'D BETTER GIVE IT A SHOT!!
THAT'S THE ONLY WAY!!


OTHERWISE, THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS TO WAIT...!!
MAKE YOUR MOVE ONLY WHEN YOU'RE A HUNDRED PERCENT POSITIVE YOU CAN MAKE THE KILL...!!
NEVER OVER-REACH YOUR LIMITS...!




SHOWING YOUR POWER BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF THE FIGHT IS THE MOST IDIOTIC THING TO DO.
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SHOW ME YOUR "REN".
ALL RIGHT.

BUT I'M NOT AN ASSASSIN ANYMORE ...!!
THAT'S MY FATHER'S THEORY...

DOES "HATSU" WORK AS WELL?
I'M A HUNTER!!
WELL SELF-PROCLAIMED.

PROOF THAT YOUR STRENGTH ISN'T JUST A "REN" YOU SHOWED ME LAST TIME.

WELL, HOWEVER YOU WANT, JUST AS LONG AS YOU SHOW ME WHAT YOU'RE CAPABLE OF.

HERE I GO.

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FINE.

IN THE LANGUAGE OF HUNTERS "SHOW ME YOUR REN," MEANS: "I WANT TO SEE THE RESULTS OF YOUR TRAINING..." IN OTHER WORDS, MEASURE YOUR SKILLS.

HMM... I DON'T SEE ANY PROBLEMS WITH THAT.

WHEN YOU LITERALLY SHOWED ME YOUR "REN", I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY.

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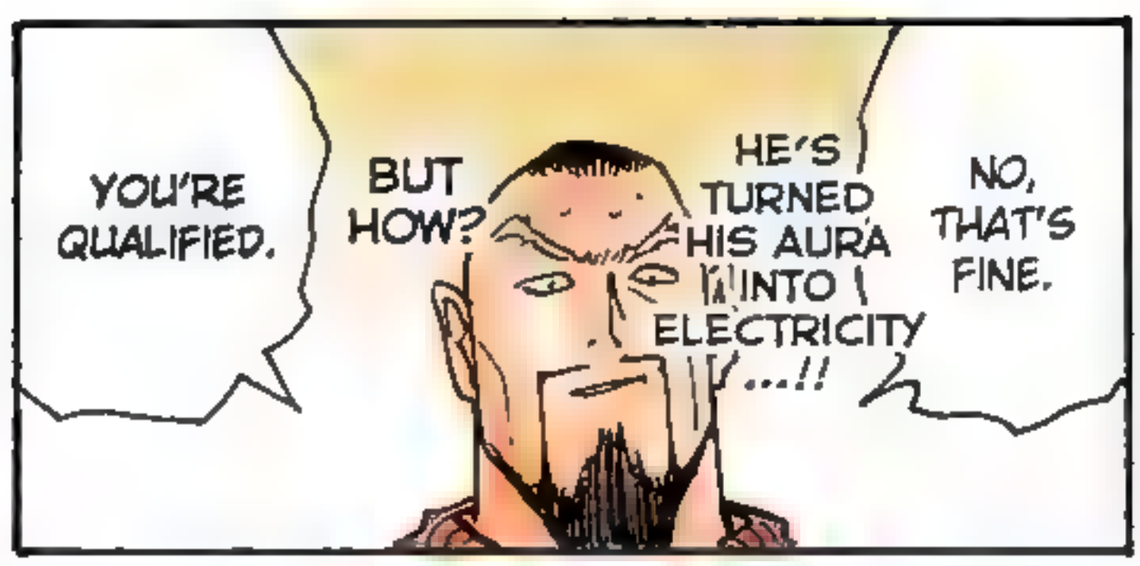
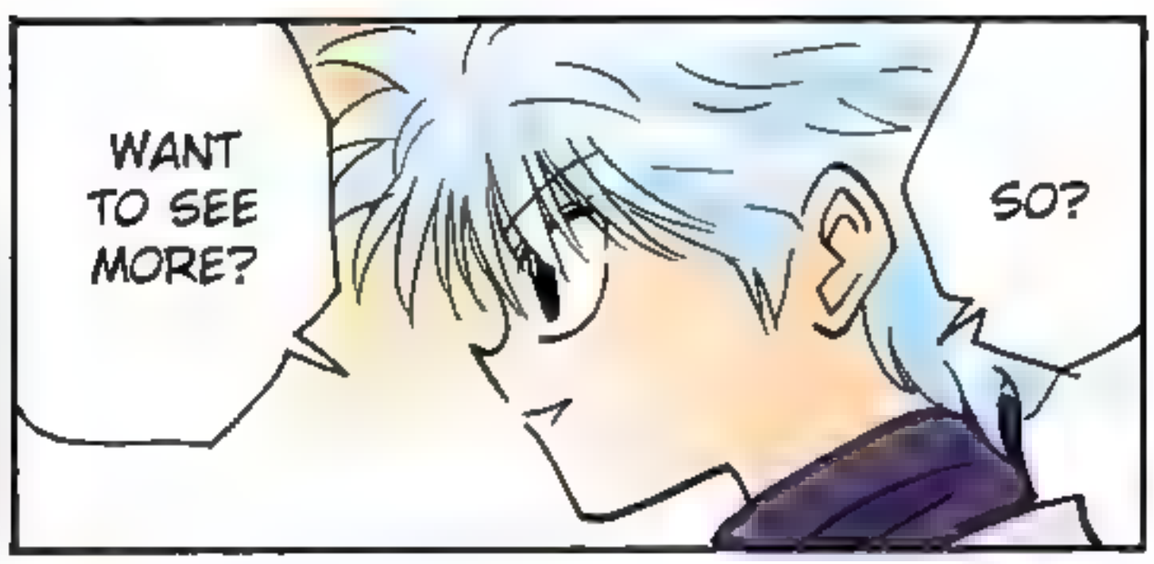
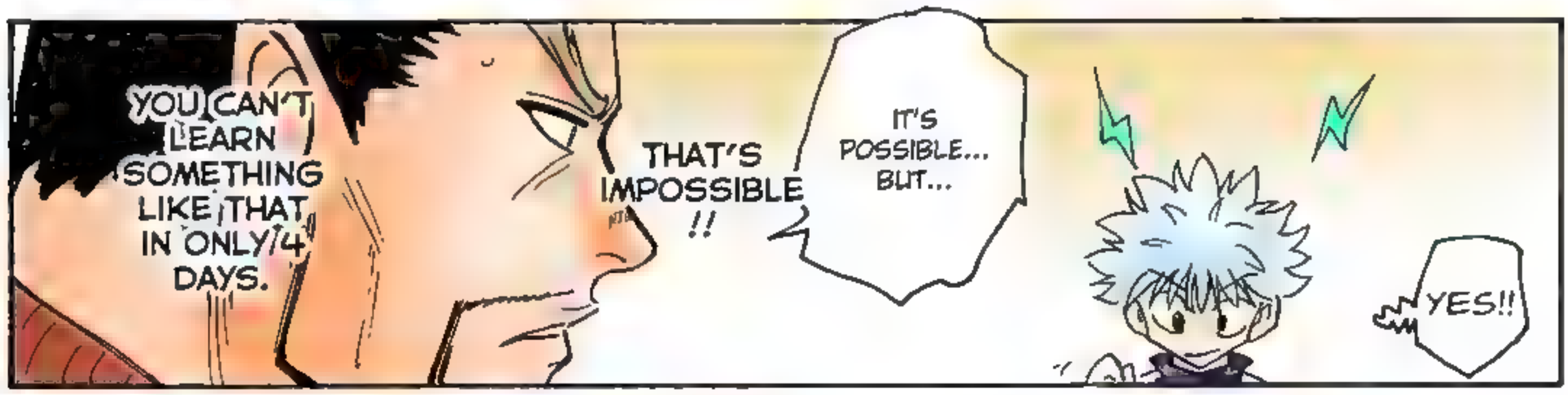
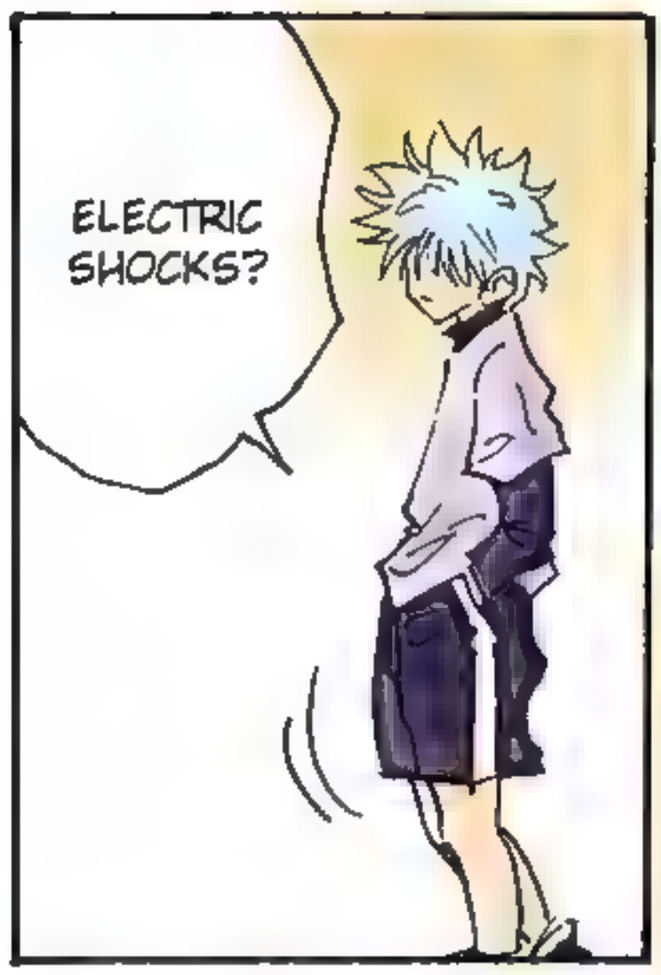
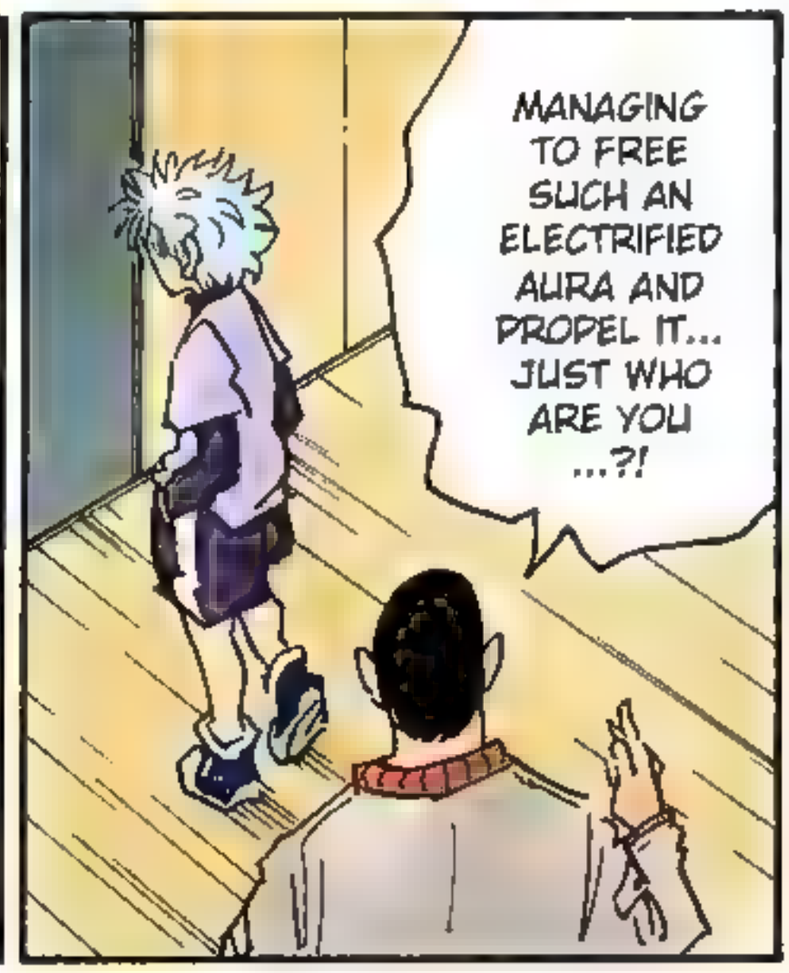
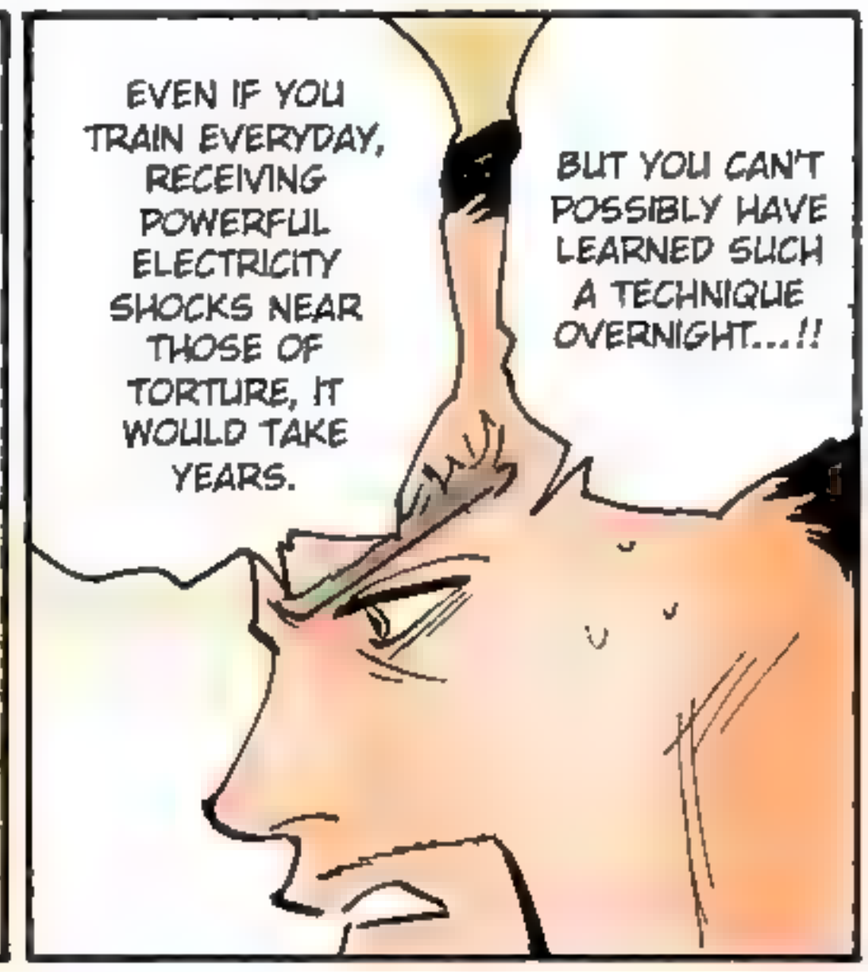

YOU'RE QUALIFIED.
BUT HOW?
HE'S TURNED HIS AURA INTO ELECTRICITY ...!!
NO, THAT'S FINE.


WANT TO SEE MORE?
SO?


YOU CAN'T LEARN SOMETHING LIKE THAT IN ONLY 4 DAYS.
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE !!
IT'S POSSIBLE... BUT...
YES!!


ELECTRIC SHOCKS?


MANAGING TO FREE SUCH AN ELECTRIFIED AURA AND PROPEL IT... JUST WHO ARE YOU ...?!


EVEN IF YOU TRAIN EVERYDAY, RECEIVING POWERFUL ELECTRICITY SHOCKS NEAR THOSE OF TORTURE, IT WOULD TAKE YEARS.
BUT YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY HAVE LEARNED SUCH A TECHNIQUE OVERNIGHT...!!

FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES, YOU SEE.
I'VE BEEN EXPOSED TO THEM SINCE I WAS A BABY.

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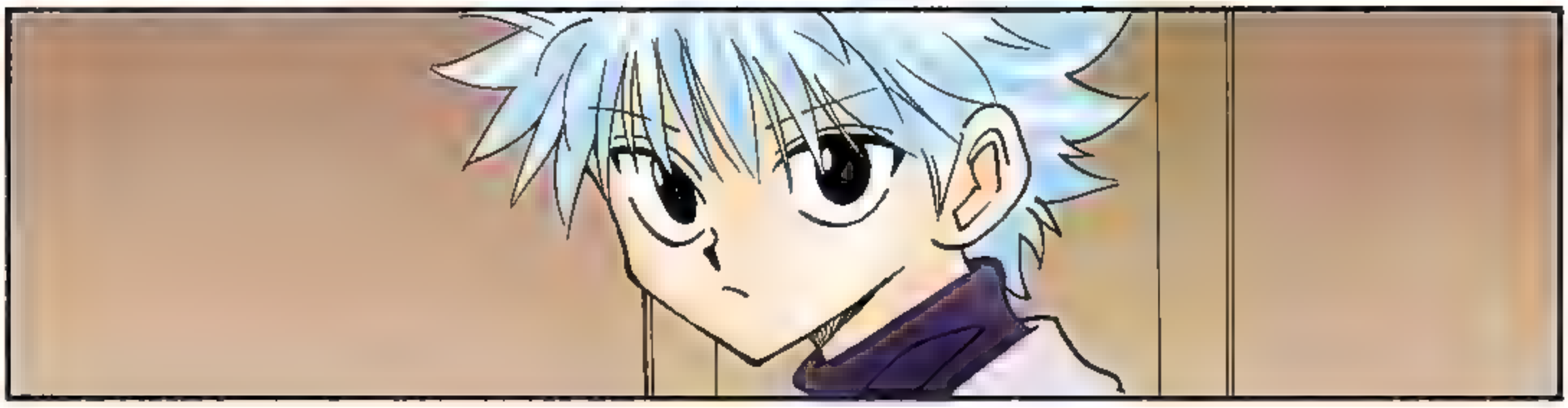

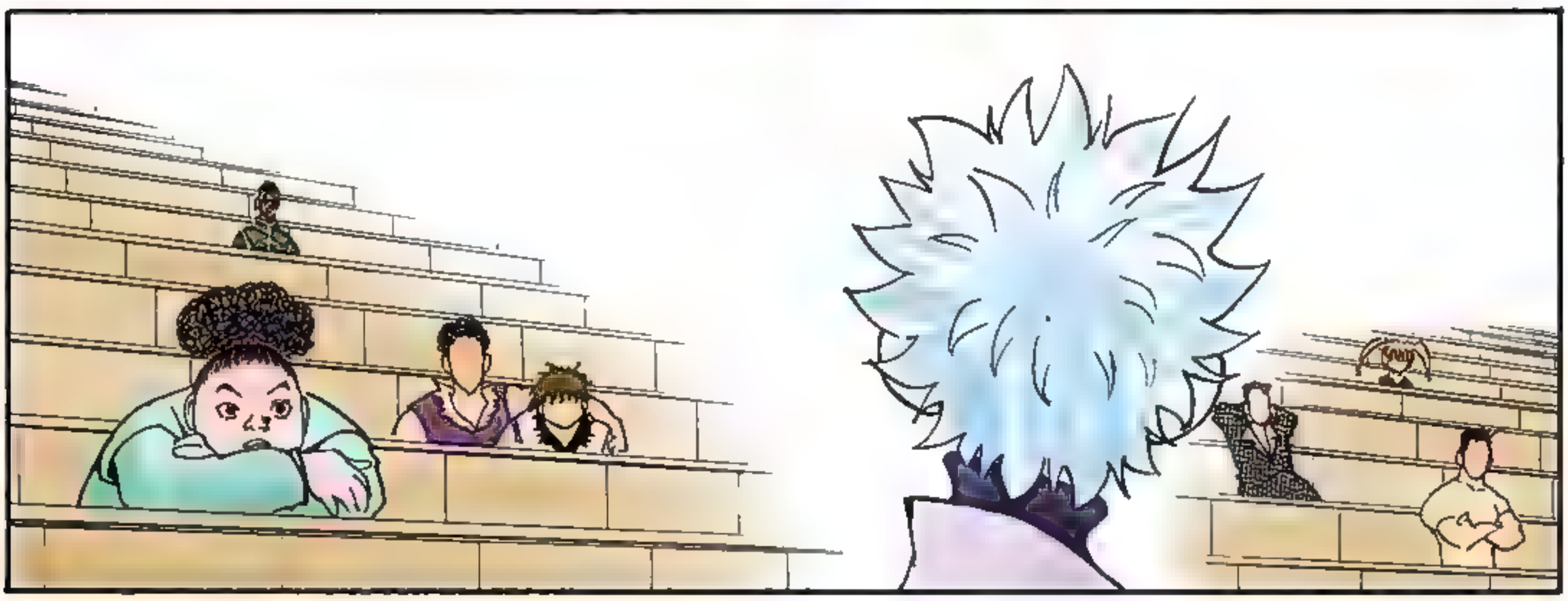

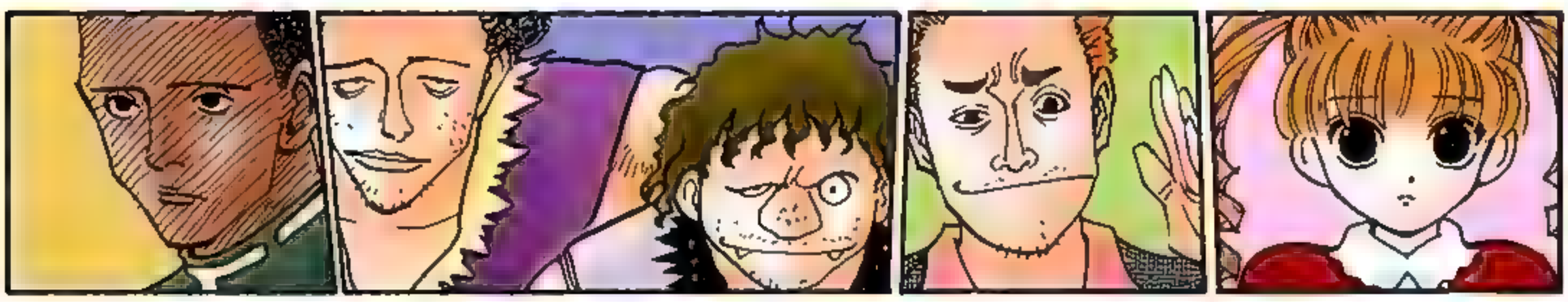

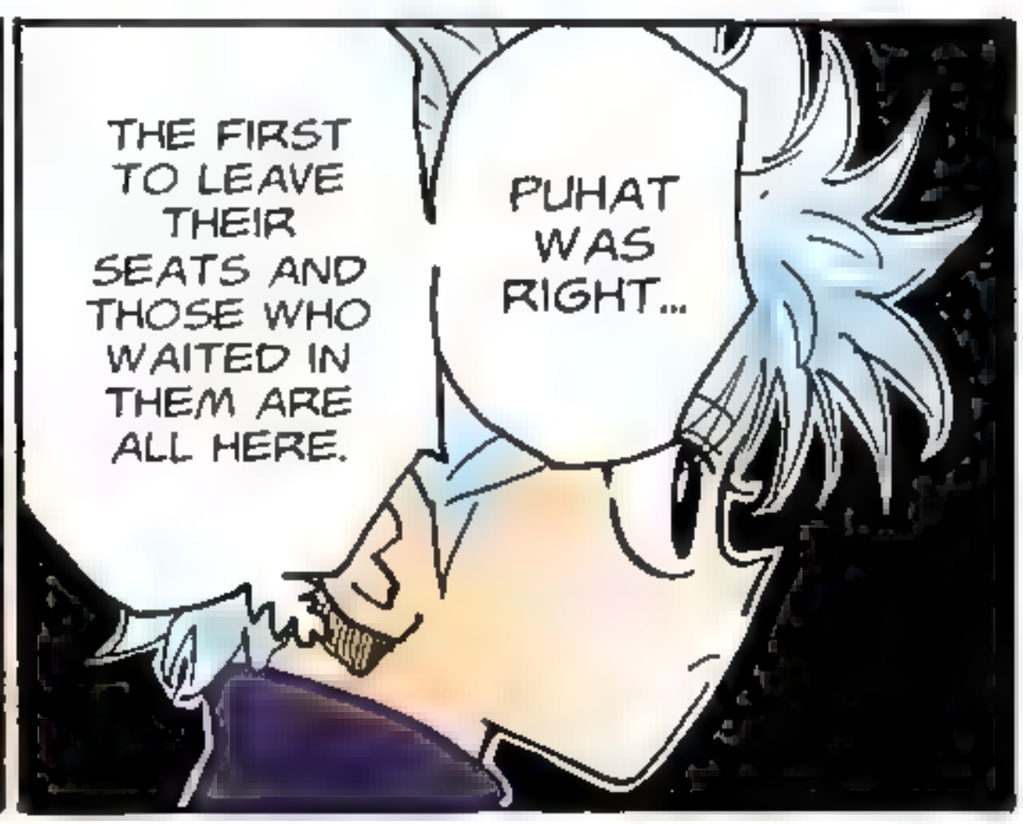

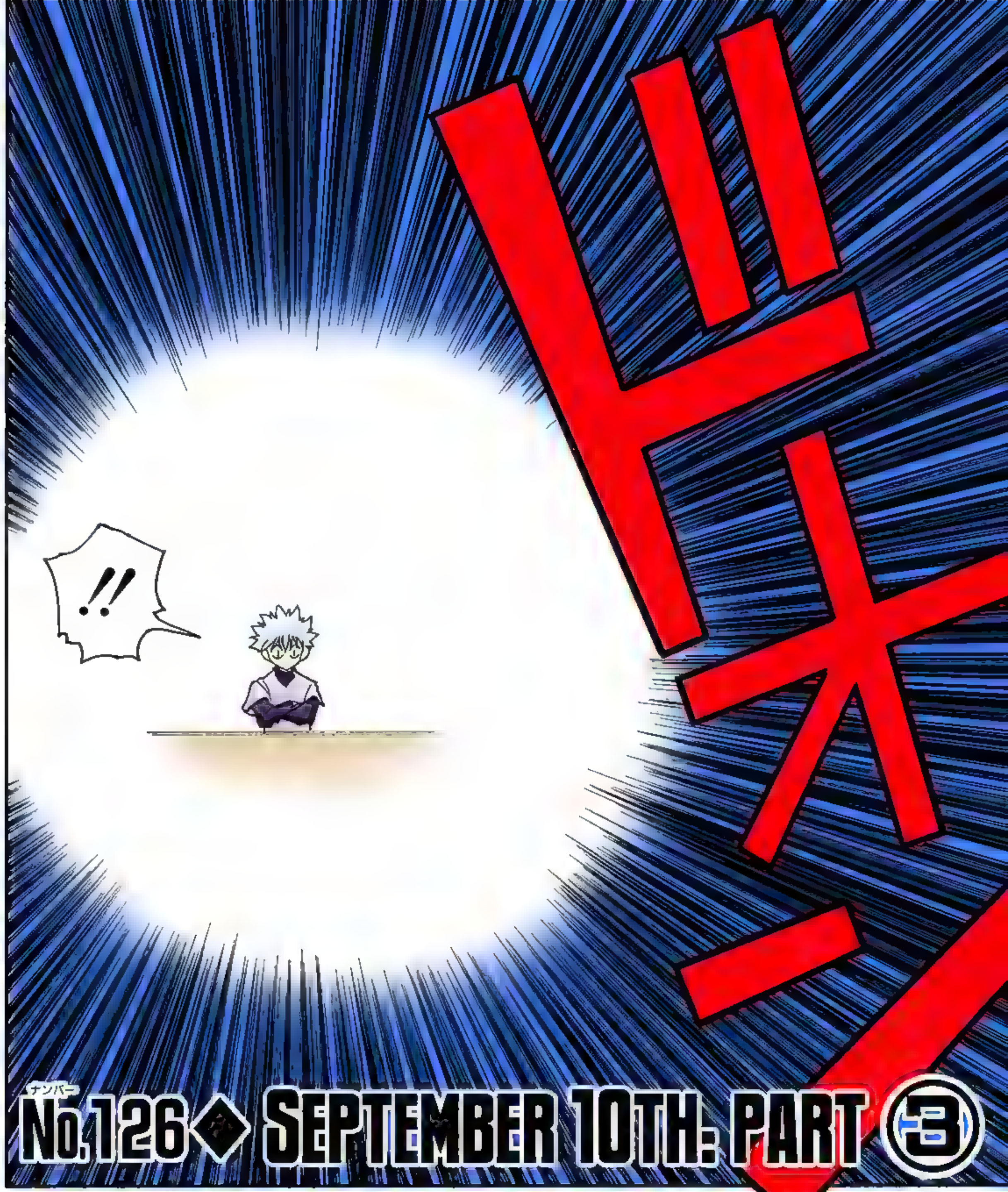
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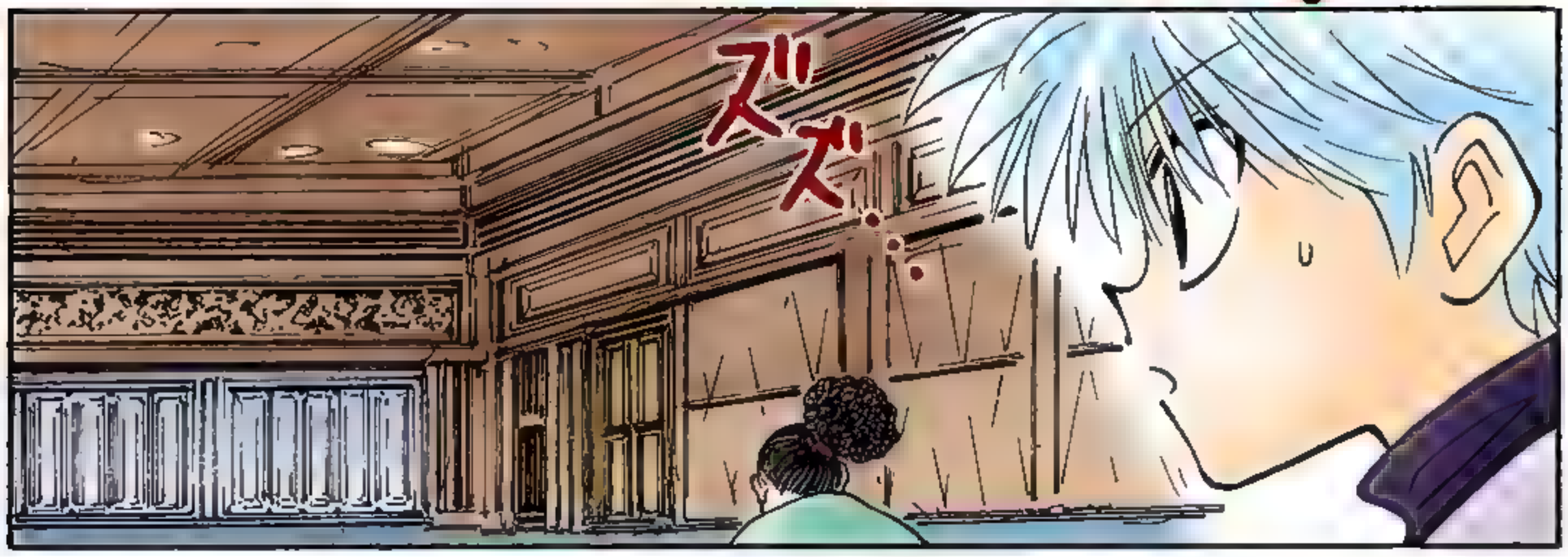
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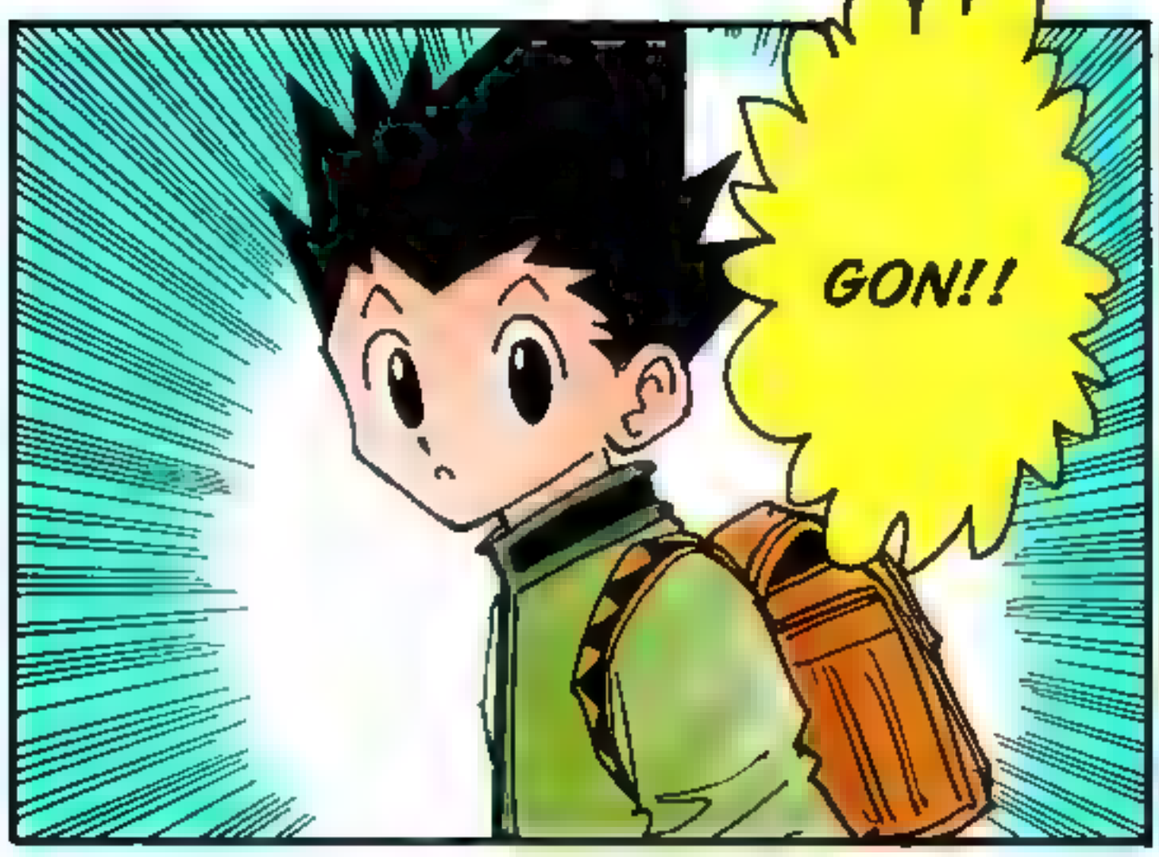
GON!!

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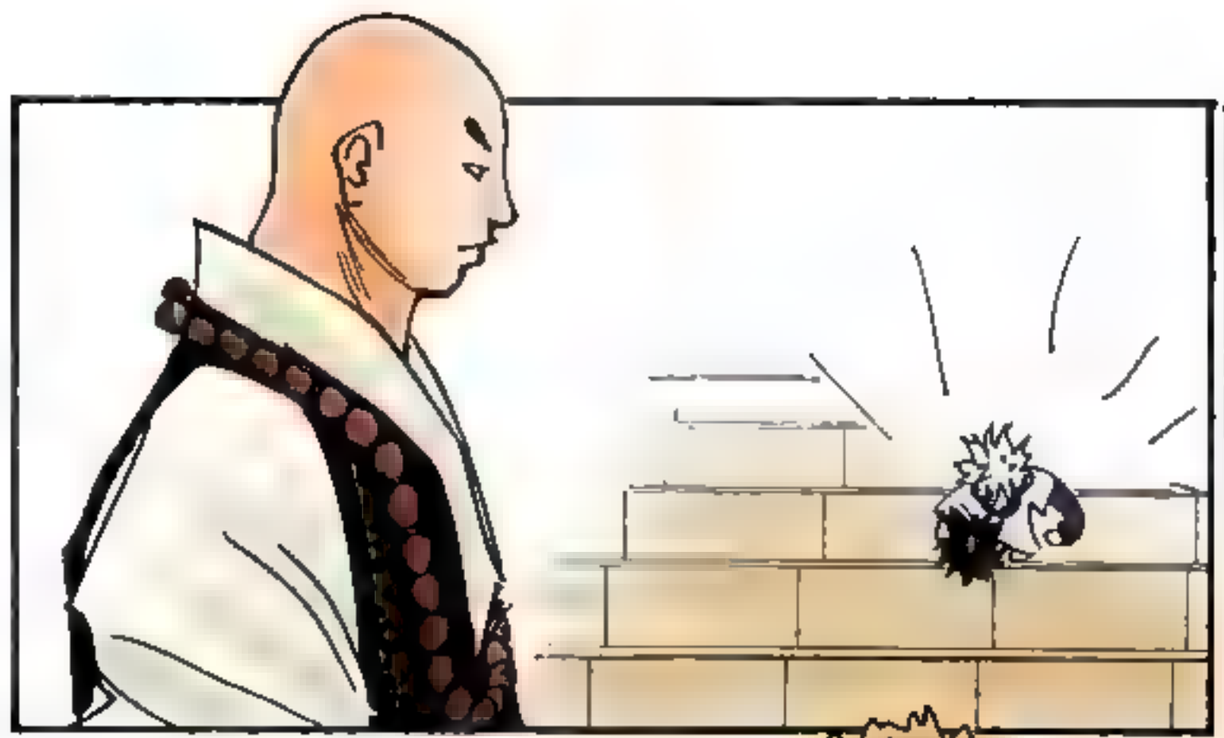
ALSO, WAS IT YOU WHO MADE THAT NOISE?
OF COURSE.
OH GOOD!! YOU PASSED AS WELL, KILLUA!!
MR.TSEZGUERRA ASKED ME TO HIT THE WALL WITH "THAT."
YEP.

I FEAR WHAT THOSE KIDS WILL GROW UP TO BE.
SHEESH ...

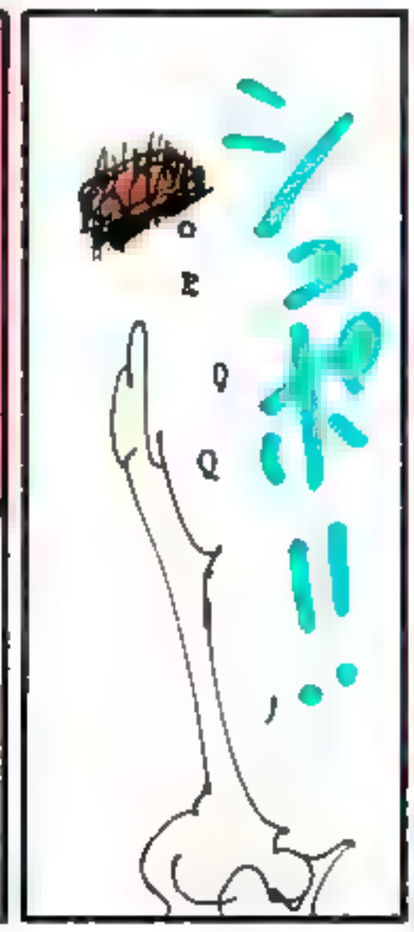


IT'S A SECRET!
HEHE!
WAS "THAT" YOUR SPECIAL TECHNIQUE?! WAS IT?!

YOU ARE THE 21 PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO PLAY GREED ISLAND.
I WILL BEGIN BY CONGRATULATING YOU.
ALRIGHT.
THE DEPARTURE FROM YORKNEW CITY WILL OCCUR AT 5 PM.
THE OTHER DETAILS ARE WRITTEN HERE ON THE CONTRACT. READ IT CAREFULLY.
IF YOU MANAGE TO COMPLETE THE GAME, MR.BATTERA WILL REWARD YOU WITH 50 BILLION JENNY'S.

...AND ASSEMBLE AT TARSETOL STATION CENTRAL EXIT.
READ AND SIGN THE CONTRACT, GET YOUR AFFAIRS IN ORDER...

THAT'S GREAT, YOU PASSED THE FIRST STAGE.
CHEERS ...!!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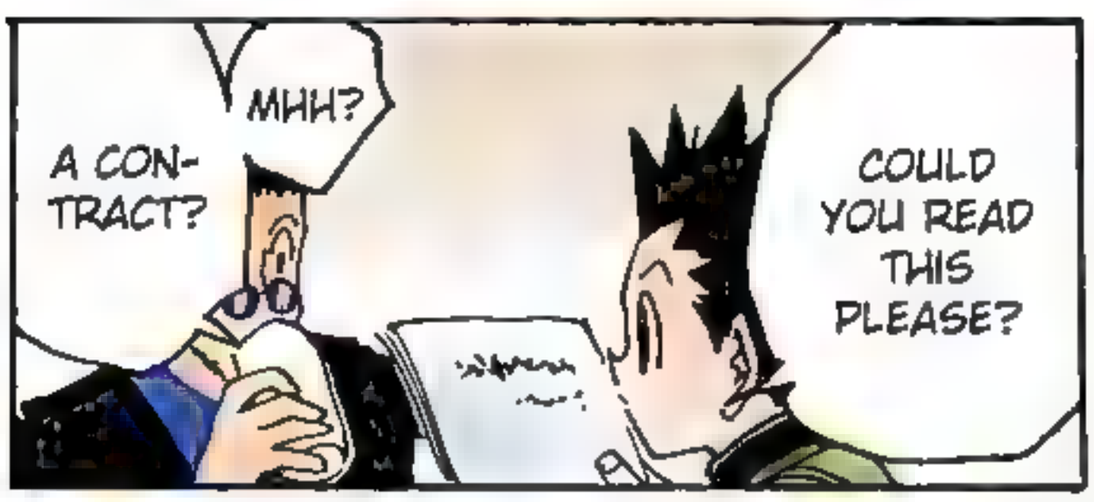
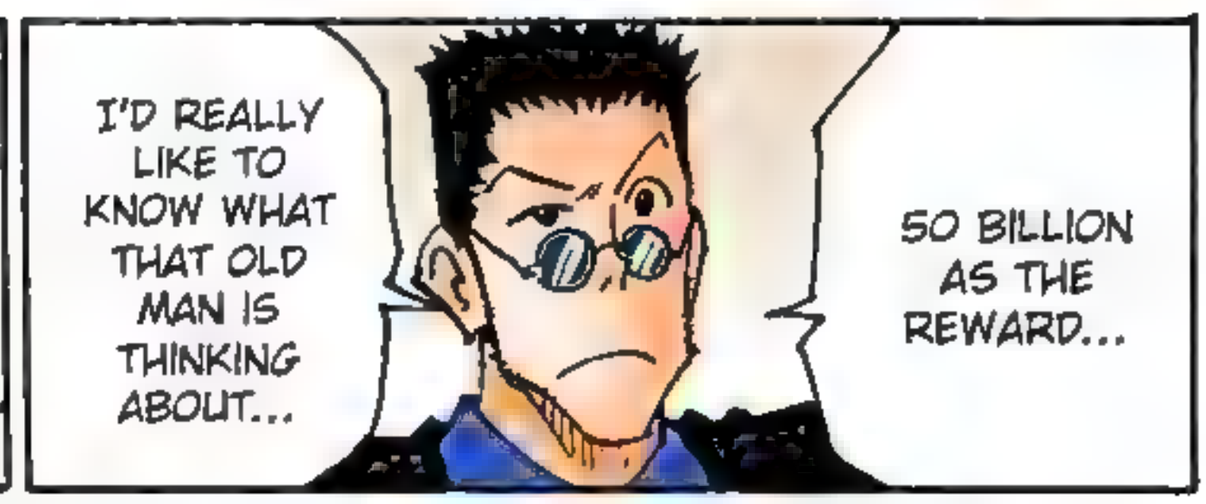
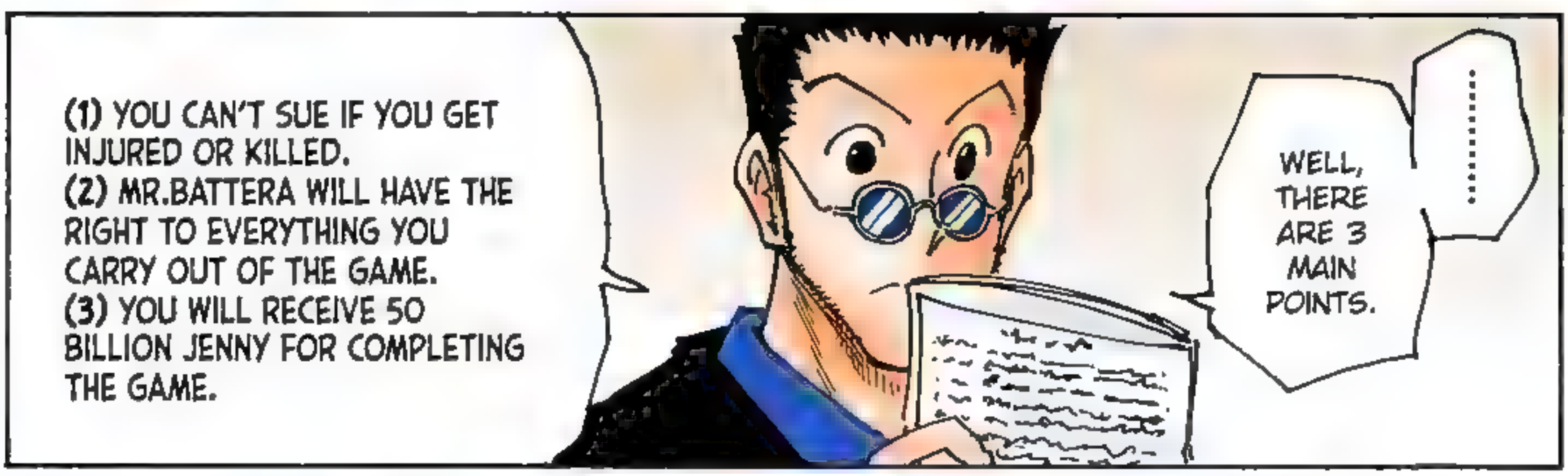

MHH?
A CON-TRACT?
COULD YOU READ THIS PLEASE?


I'D REALLY LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THAT OLD MAN IS THINKING ABOUT...
50 BILLION AS THE REWARD...


(1) YOU CAN'T SUE IF YOU GET INJURED OR KILLED.
(2) MR.BATTERA WILL HAVE THE RIGHT TO EVERYTHING YOU CARRY OUT OF THE GAME.
(3) YOU WILL RECEIVE 50 BILLION JENNY FOR COMPLETING THE GAME.
WELL, THERE ARE 3 MAIN POINTS.
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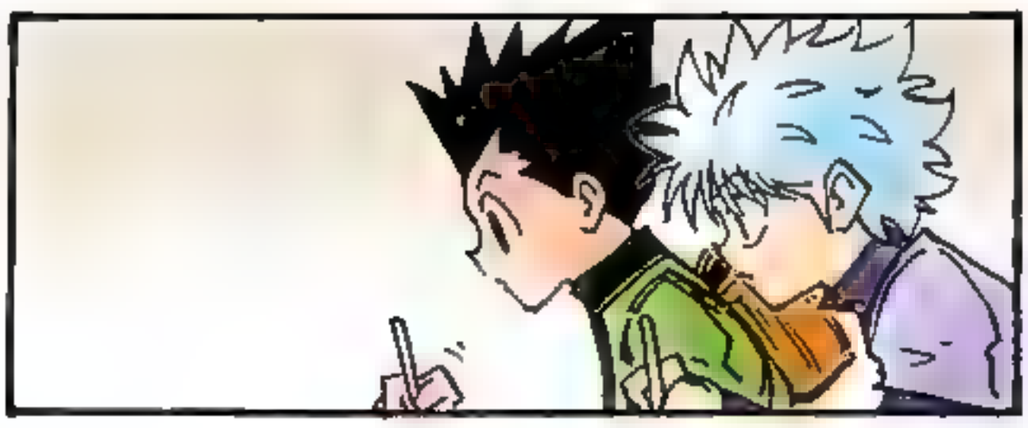
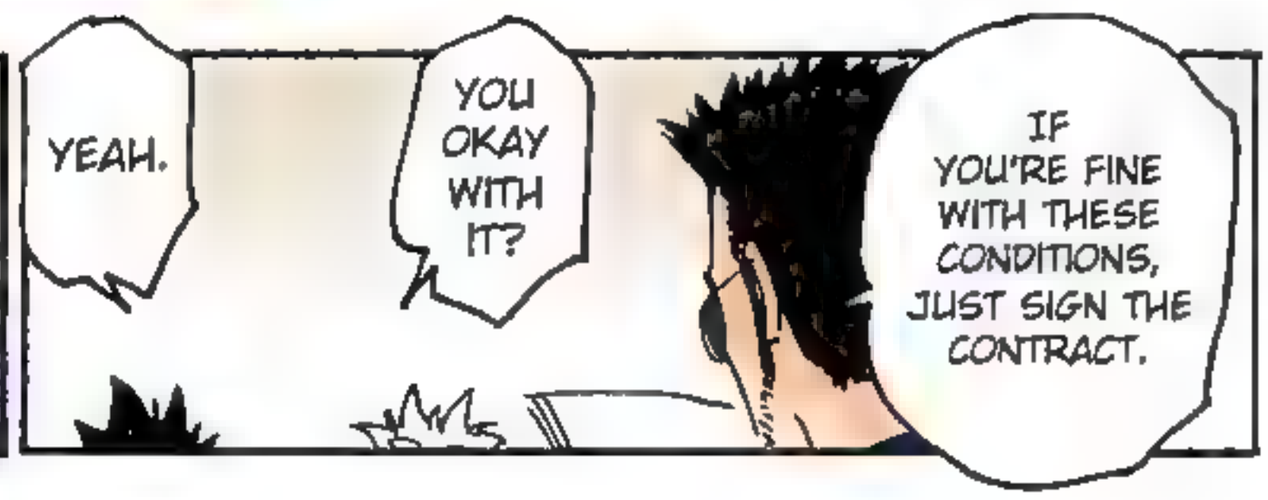
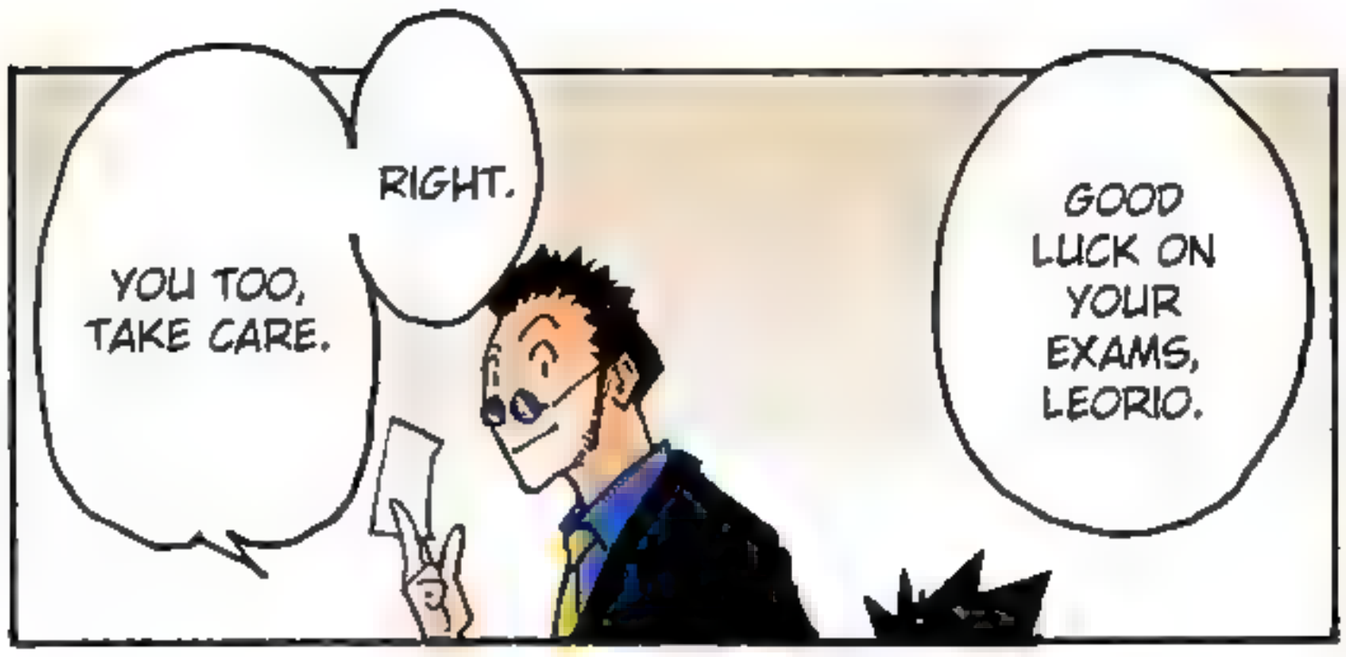
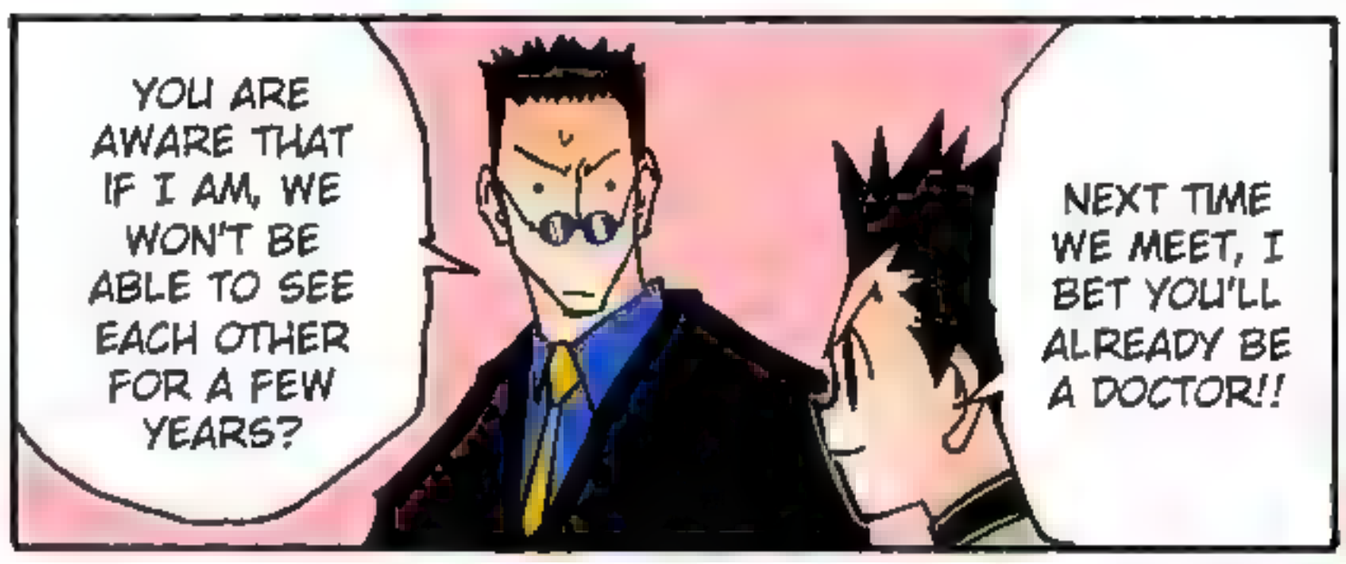
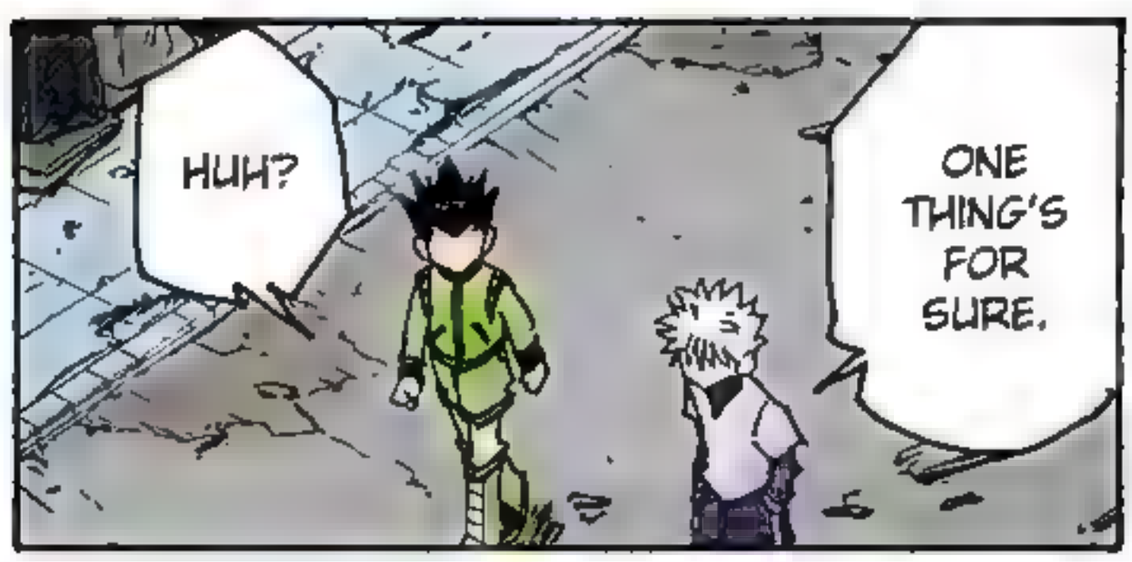


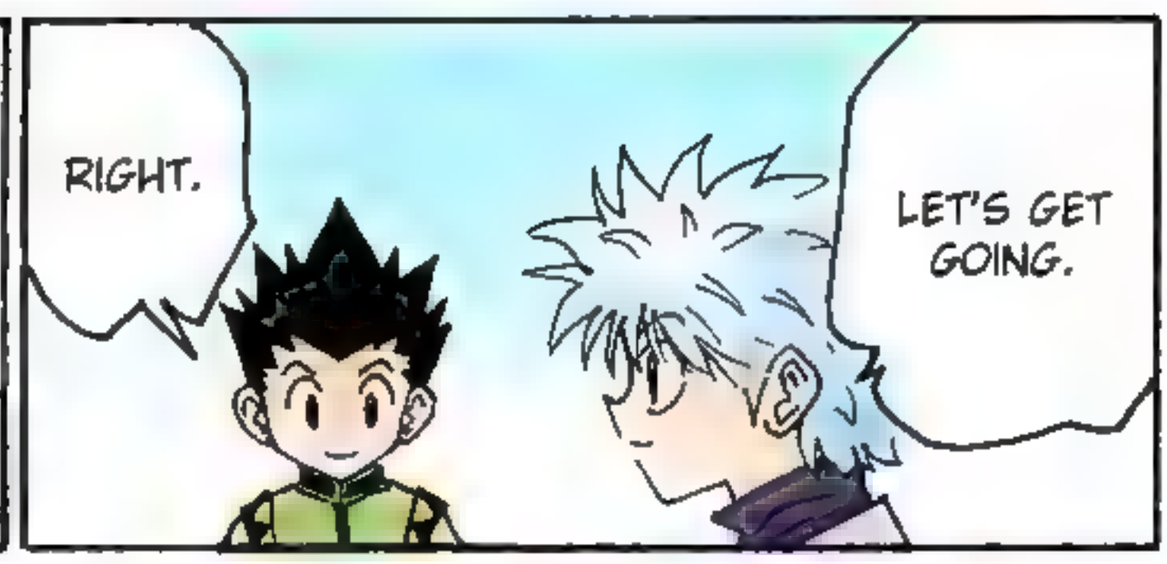

YEAH.
YOU OKAY WITH IT?
IF YOU'RE FINE WITH THESE CONDITIONS, JUST SIGN THE CONTRACT.

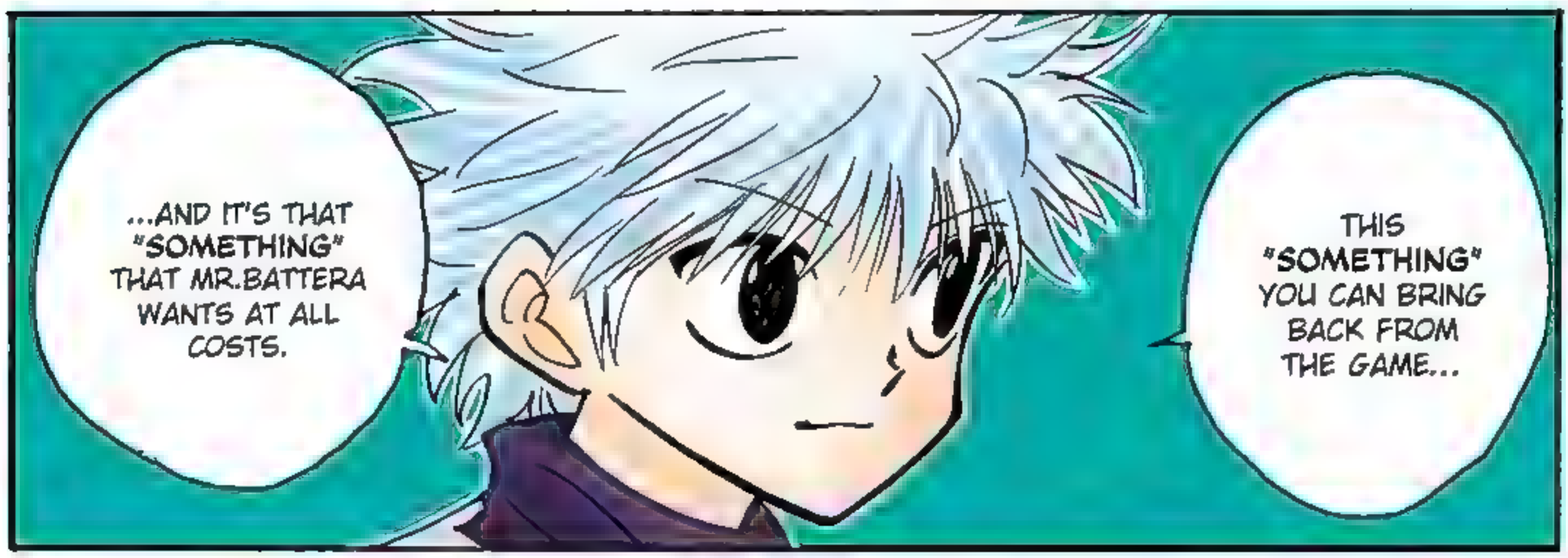

YOU TOO, TAKE CARE.
RIGHT.
GOOD LUCK ON YOUR EXAMS, LEORIO.

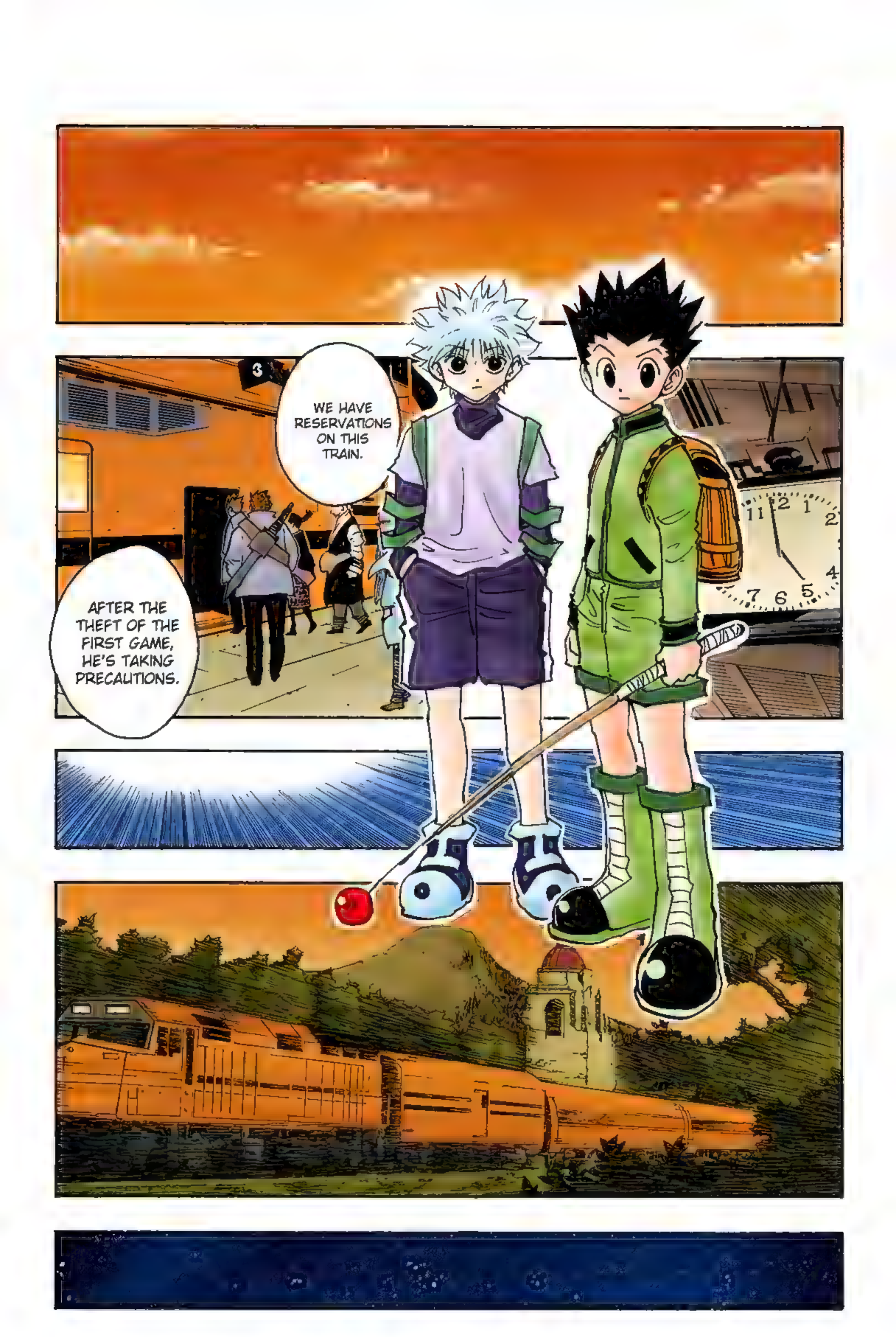
I BETTER GET GOING.
WELL...


YOU ARE AWARE THAT IF I AM, WE WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE EACH OTHER FOR A FEW YEARS?
NEXT TIME WE MEET, I BET YOU'LL ALREADY BE A DOCTOR!!


HUH?
ONE THING'S FOR SURE.


RIGHT.
LET'S GET GOING.


...AND IT'S THAT "SOMETHING" THAT MR.BATTERA WANTS AT ALL COSTS.
THIS "SOMETHING" YOU CAN BRING BACK FROM THE GAME...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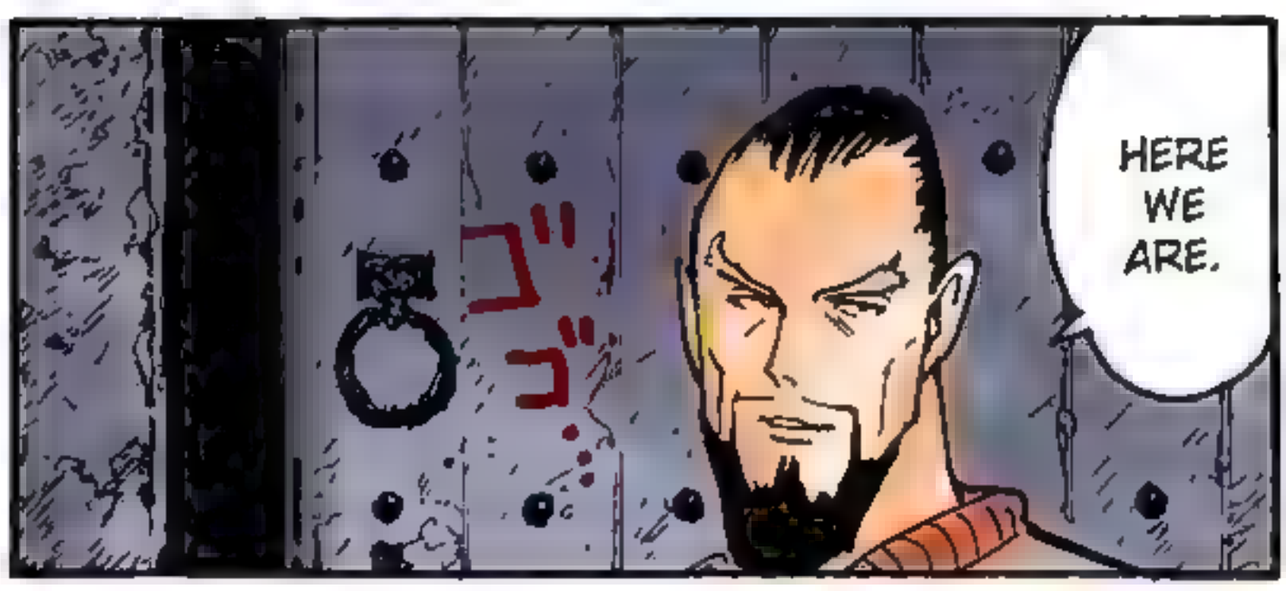
WE HAVE RESERVATIONS ON THIS TRAIN.
AFTER THE THEFT OF THE FIRST GAME, HE'S TAKING PRECAUTIONS.

AN OLD CASTLE...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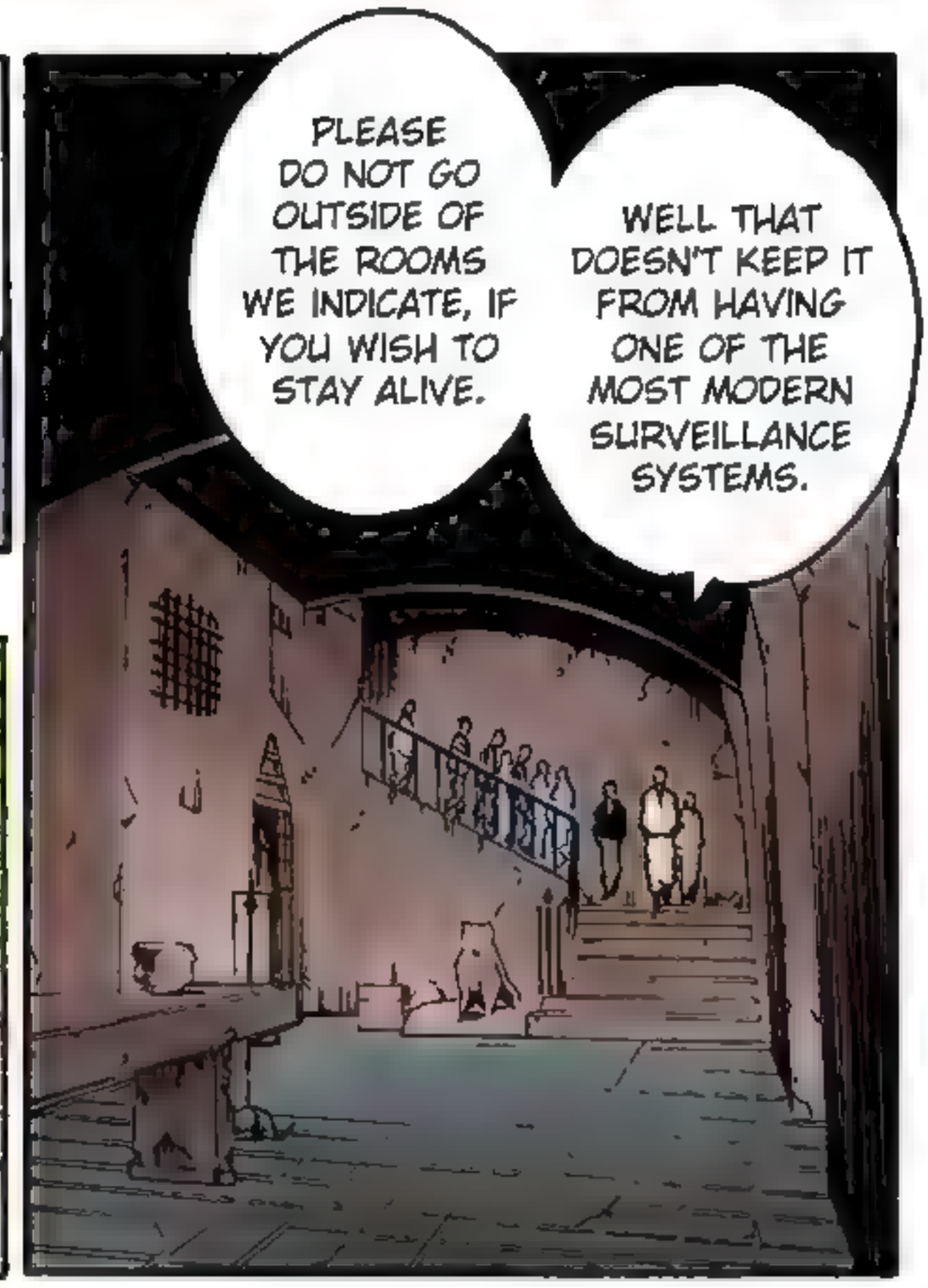
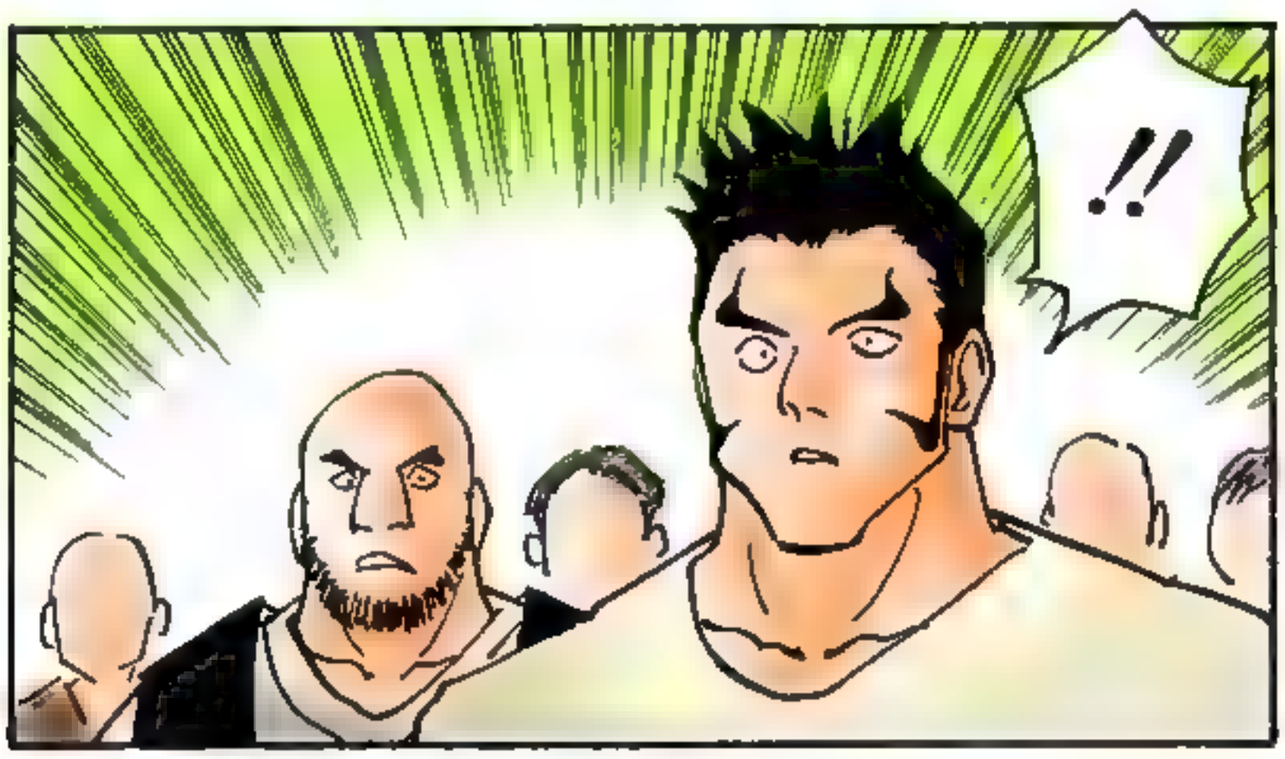
HERE WE ARE.


PLEASE DO NOT GO OUTSIDE OF THE ROOMS WE INDICATE, IF YOU WISH TO STAY ALIVE.
WELL THAT DOESN'T KEEP IT FROM HAVING ONE OF THE MOST MODERN SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS.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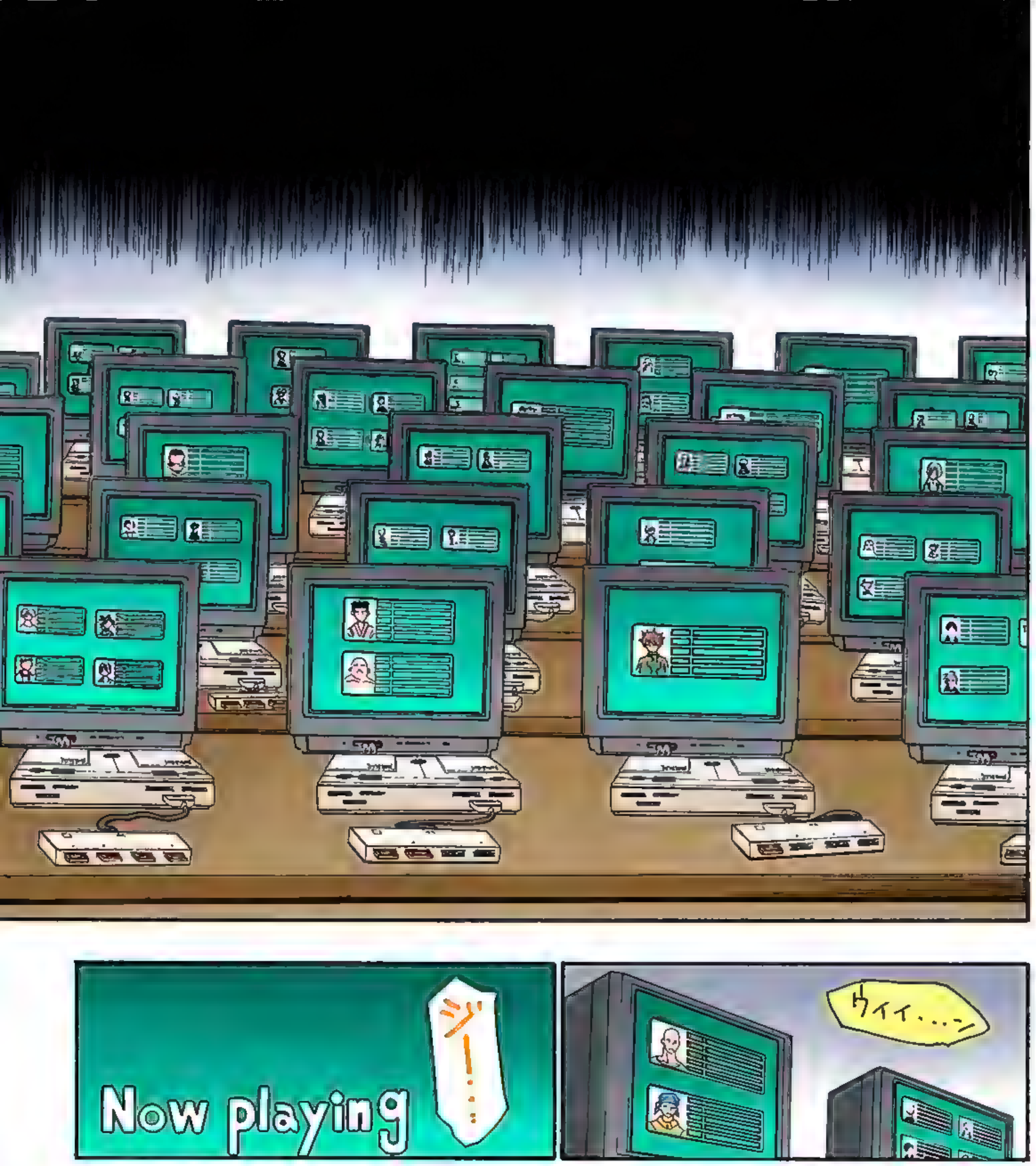

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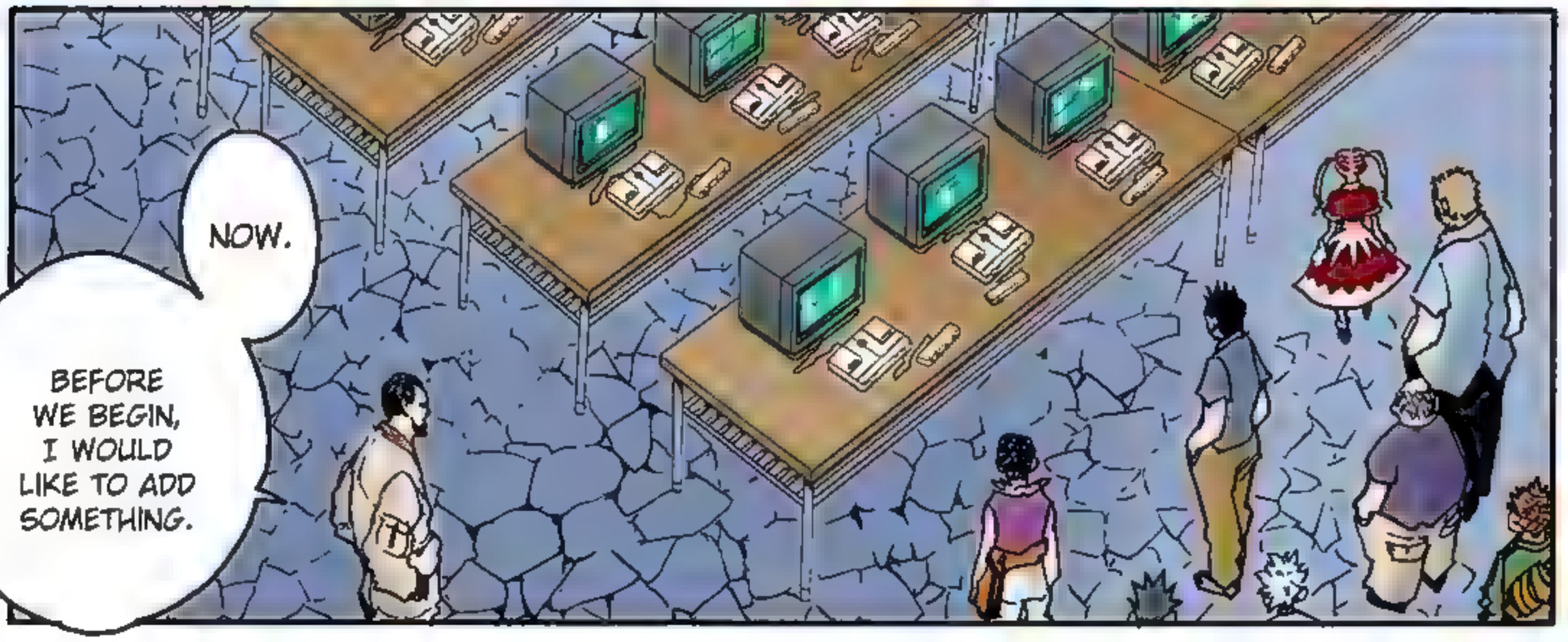
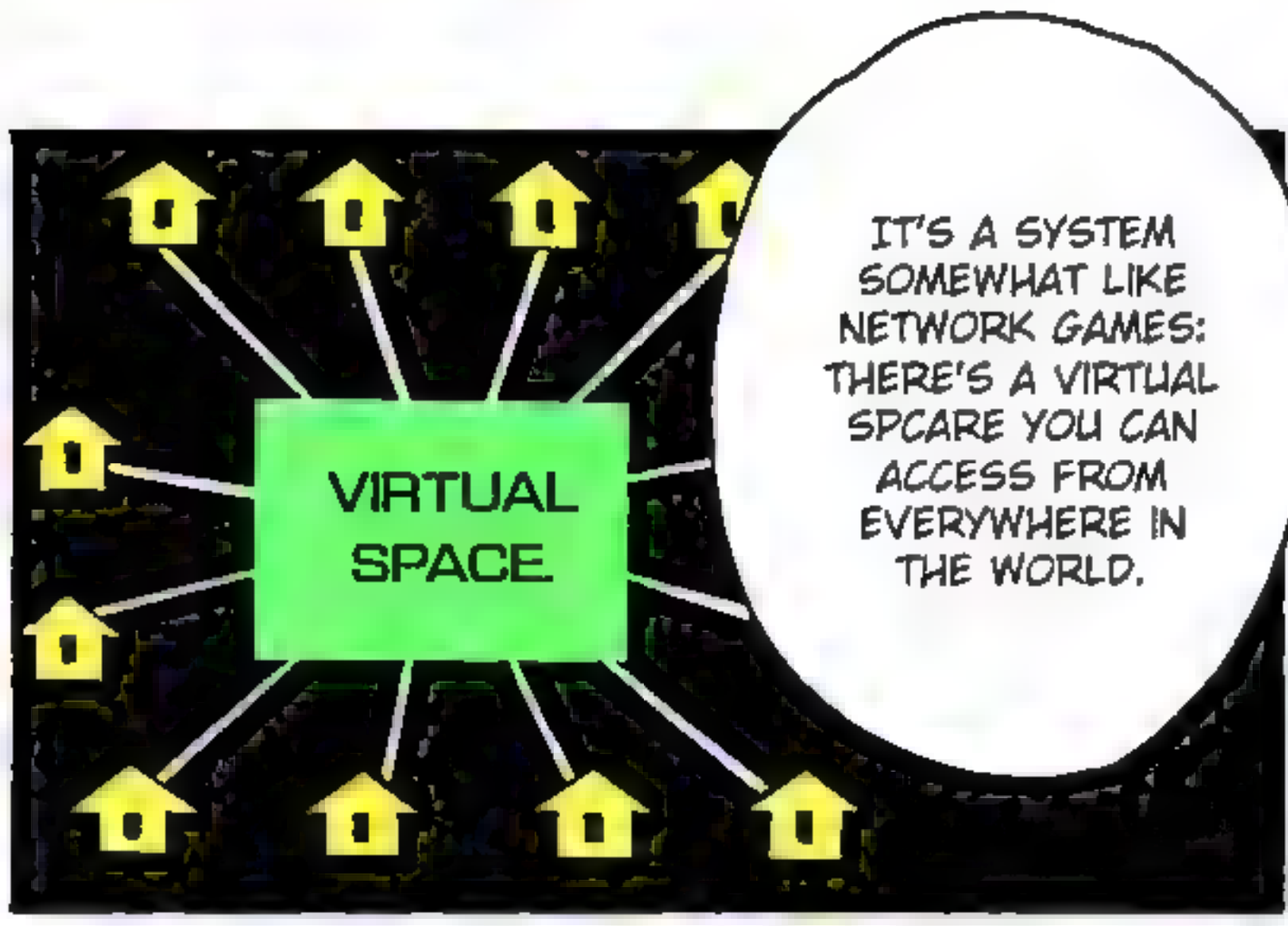
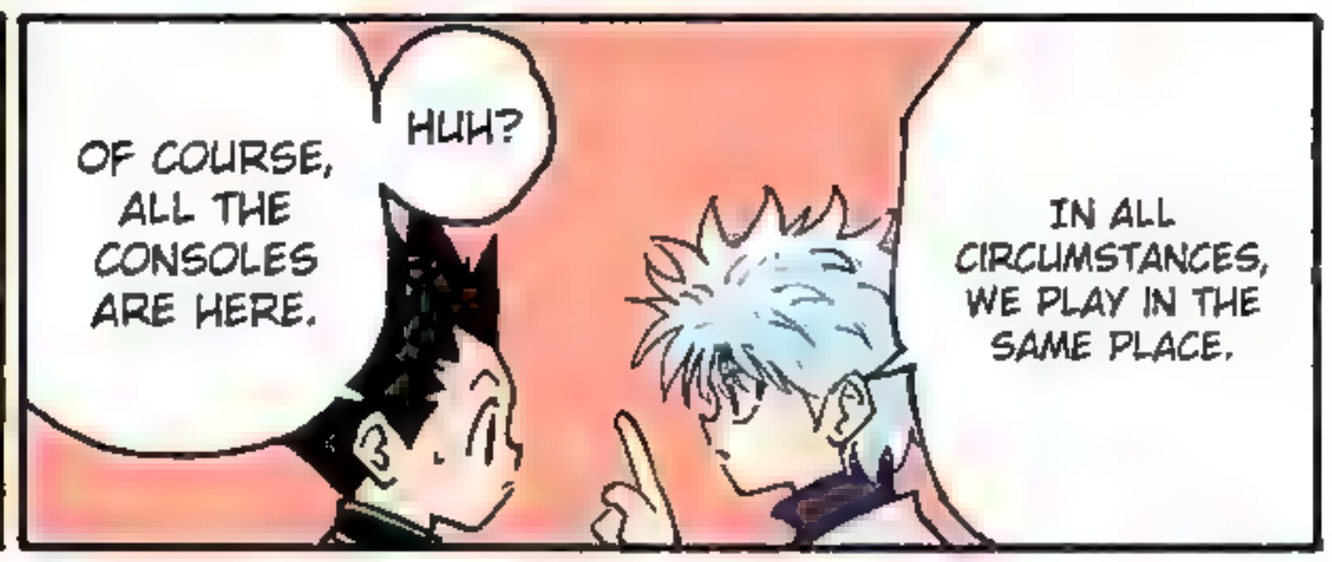
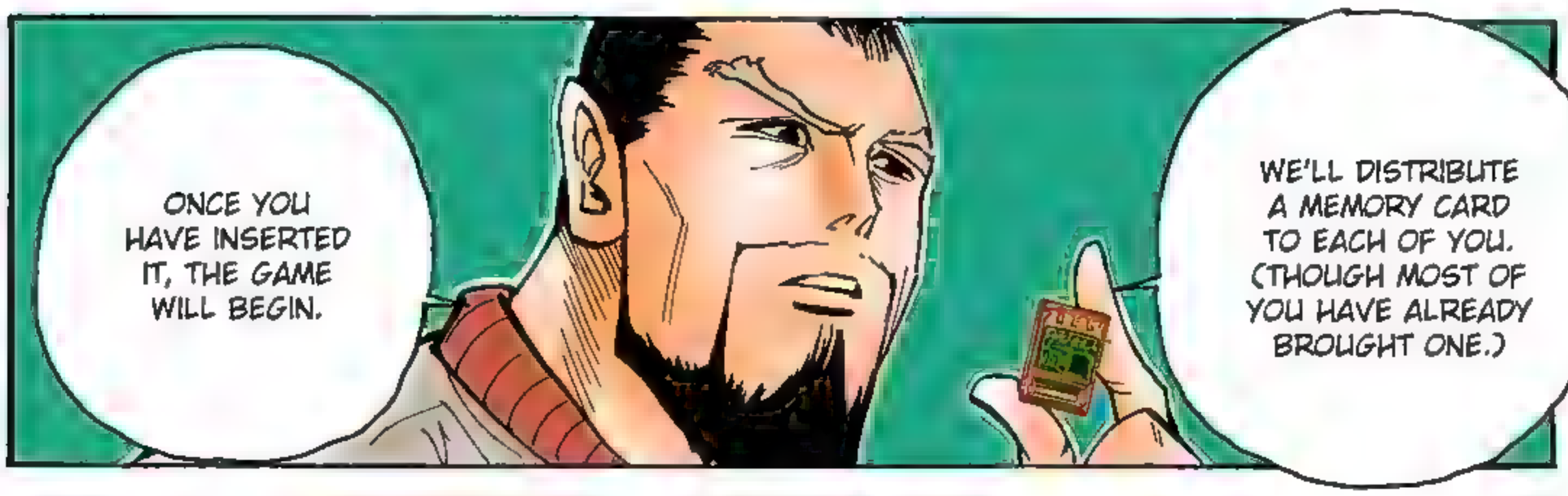
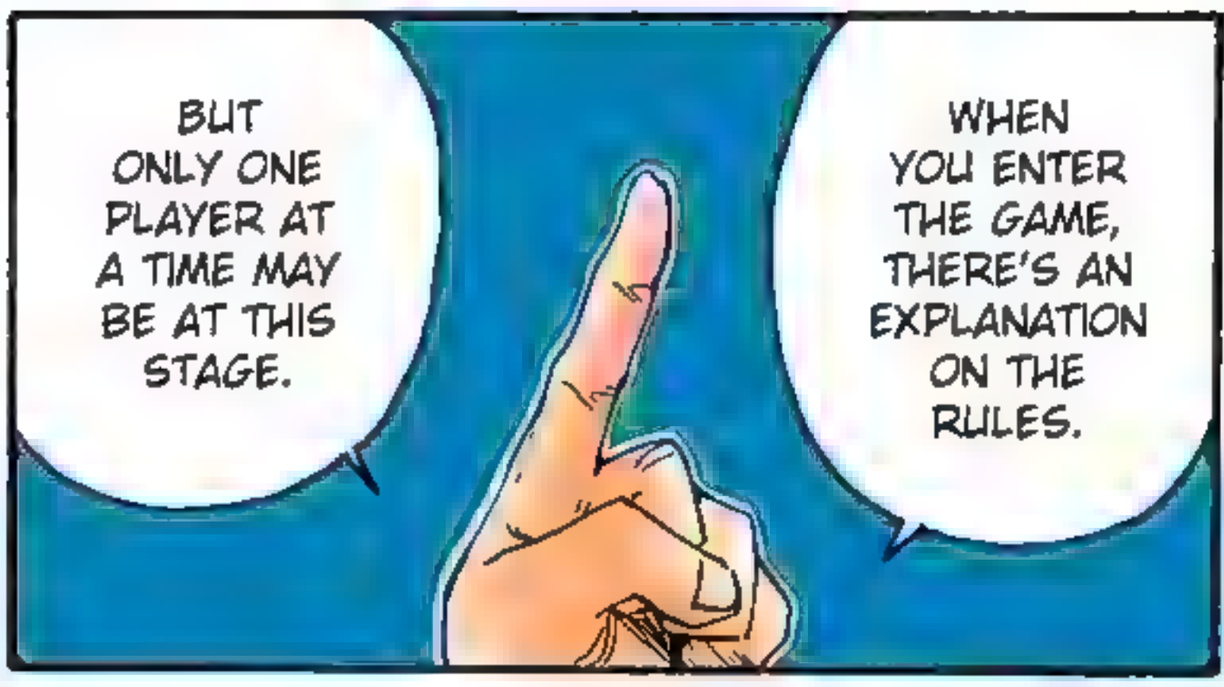

NOW.
BEFORE WE BEGIN, I WOULD LIKE TO ADD SOMETHING.

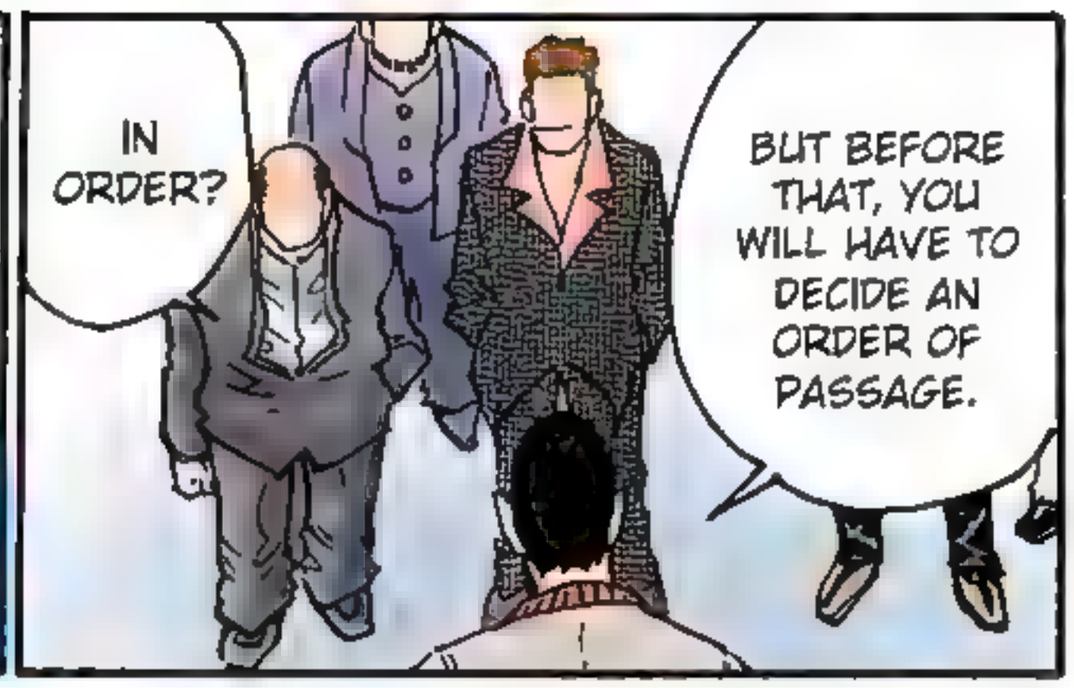


IT'S A SYSTEM SOMEWHAT LIKE NETWORK GAMES: THERE'S A VIRTUAL SPCARE YOU CAN ACCESS FROM EVERYWHERE IN THE WORLD.









THERE ARE 21 OF YOU, IT'LL TAKE AN HOUR TO GET EVERYONE IN.

THE EXPLANATION ONLY LASTS A FEW MINUTES, BUT...

TO AVOID ANY FIGHTS BETWEEN US, I'D PREFER YOU DECIDE ON WHO'S GOING FIRST IN ORDER.

YES.

SO WE'D HAVE TO WAIT INSIDE THE GAME IF WE WANNA START ONCE?

THE MINORITY WINS.

WE CAN JUST DECIDE WITH ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS.

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OKAY THEN...

YOU'RE FIRST.

YEAH!!

I'M #17...

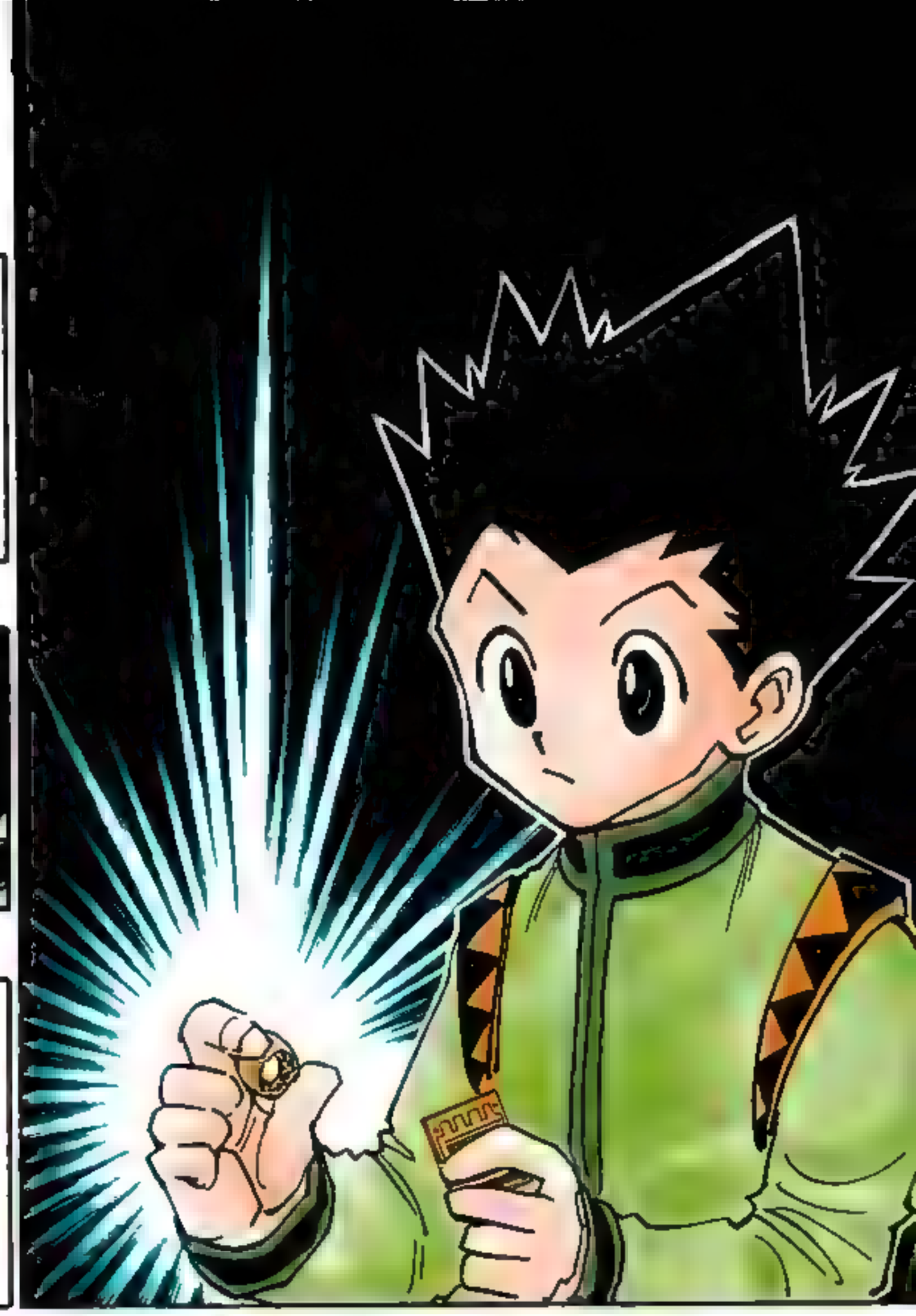
AH...

YEAH.

DID YOU BRING YOUR SAVED FILE ALREADY?

DO YOU WANT TO USE IT?

YOUR FIRST DESTINATION IS THE SAME AS THE OTHERS.
DON'T WORRY, NO MATTER WHAT DATA YOU HAVE...



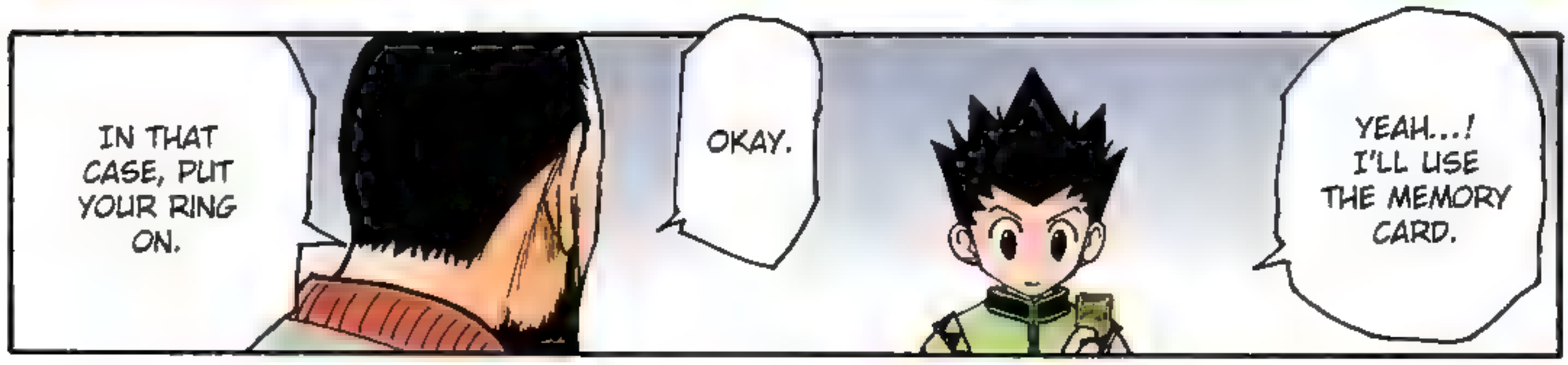
I THINK I'LL FINALLY COME A LITTLE CLOSER TO YOU.
GING...

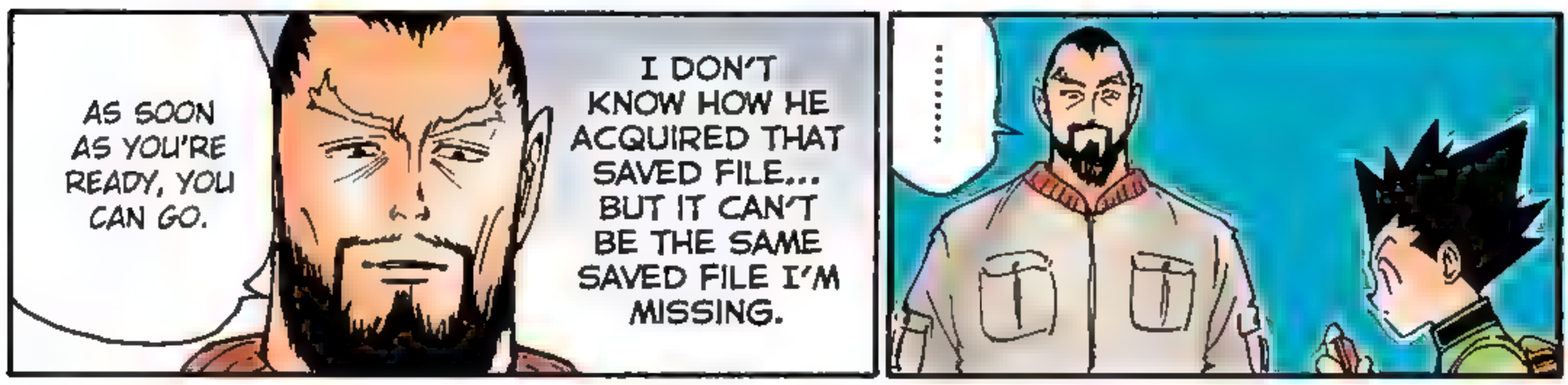
SO I'LL TRUST HIM!

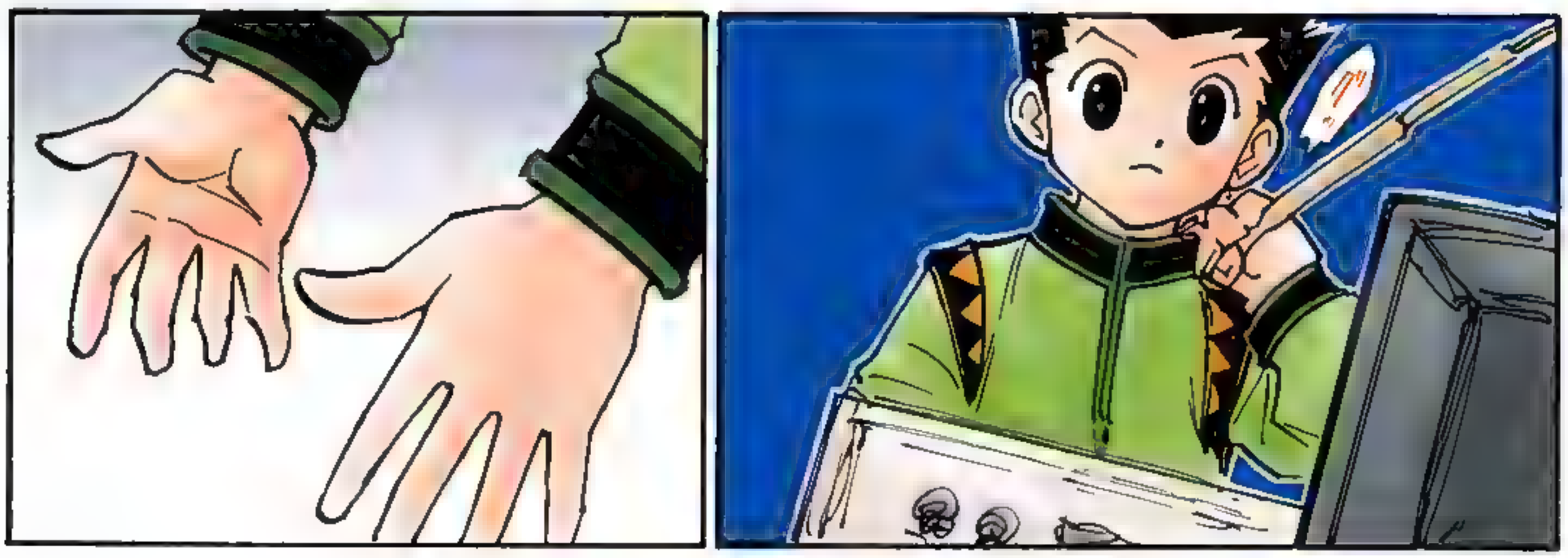
THAT'S THE MESSAGE GING LEFT FOR ME...!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S WAITING FOR ME INSIDE, BUT...

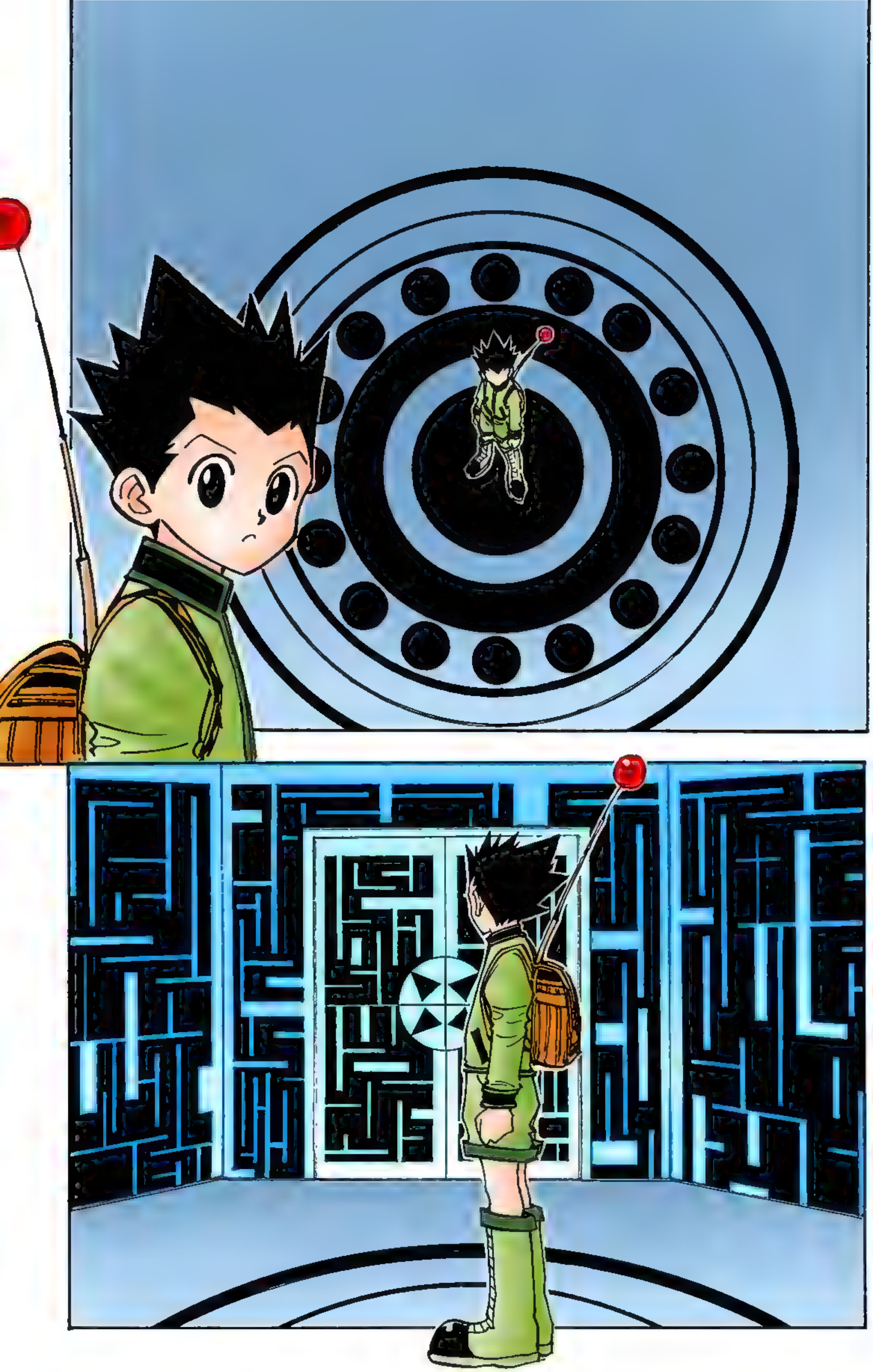
A GAME IN WHICH IS LIFE OR DEATH...







WHEN WE SEE THE MESSAGE "NOW PLAYING" DISPLAYED ON THE SCREEN, THE NEXT PLAYER WILL BE ABLE TO ENTER.



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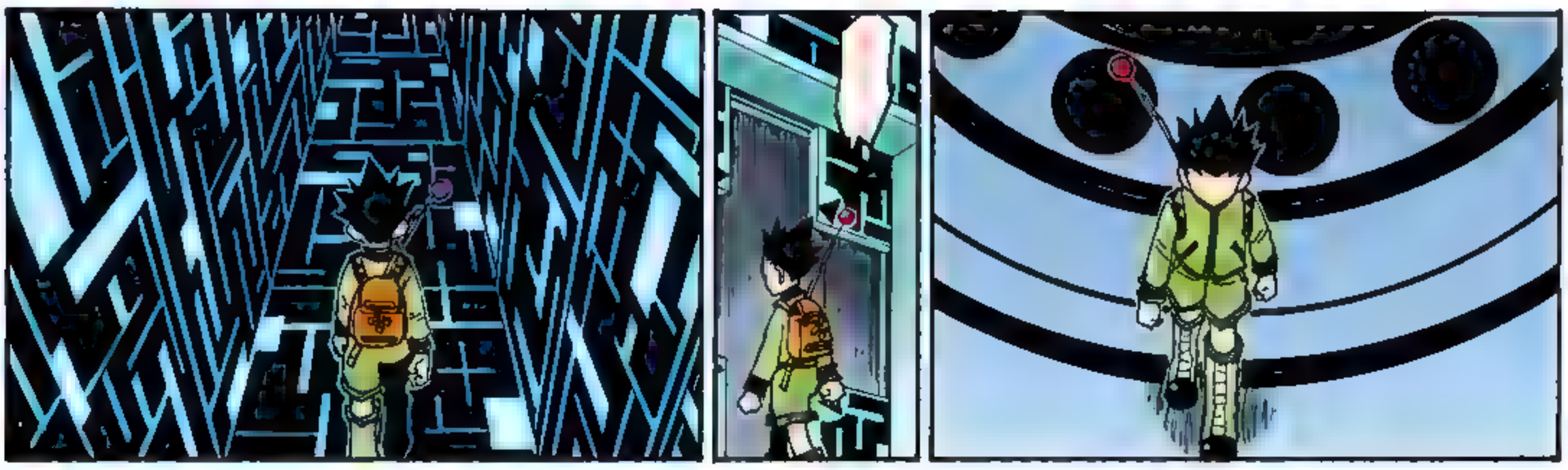

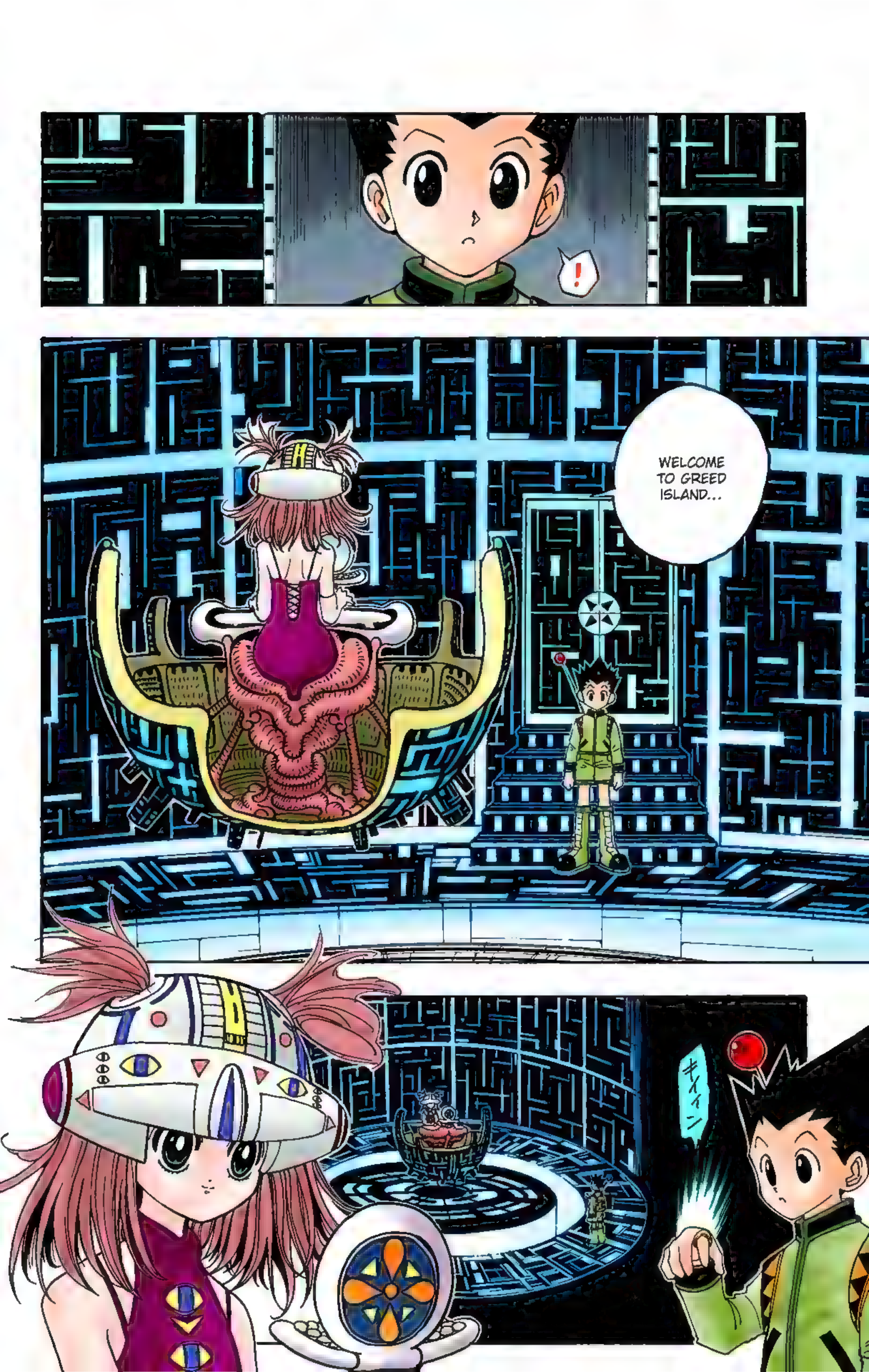
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WELCOME TO GREED ISLAND...
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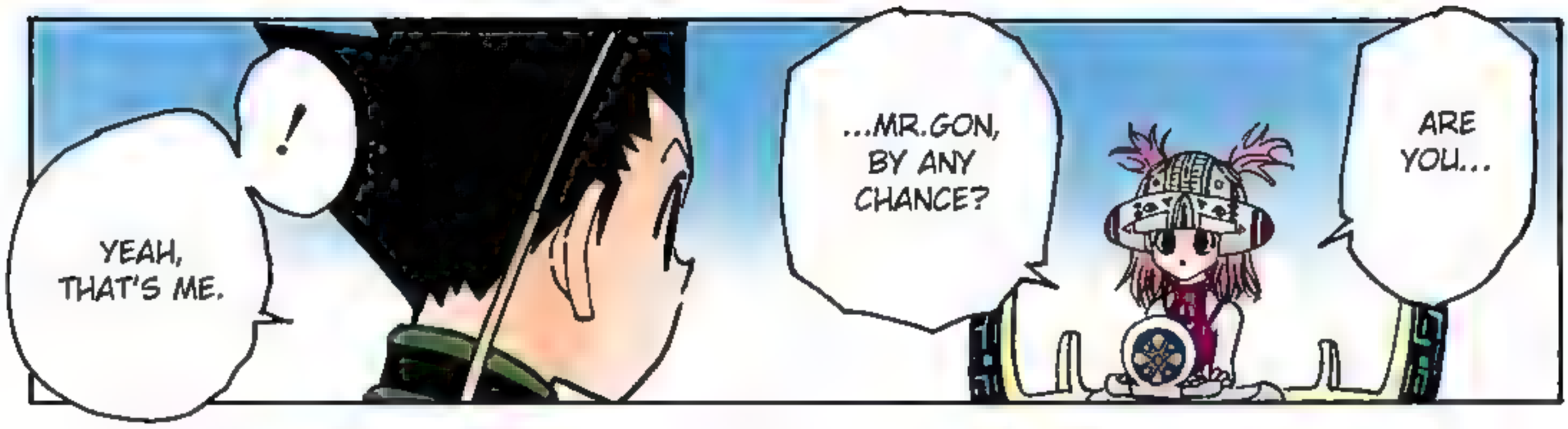
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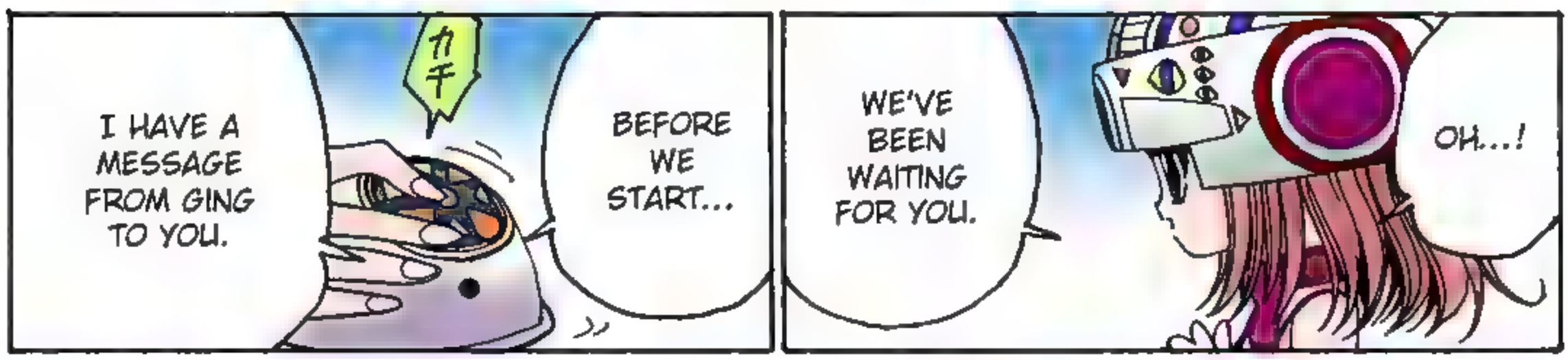
YEAH, THAT'S ME.
...MR.GON, BY ANY CHANCE?
ARE YOU...


I HAVE A MESSAGE FROM GING TO YOU.
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BEFORE WE START...
WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU.
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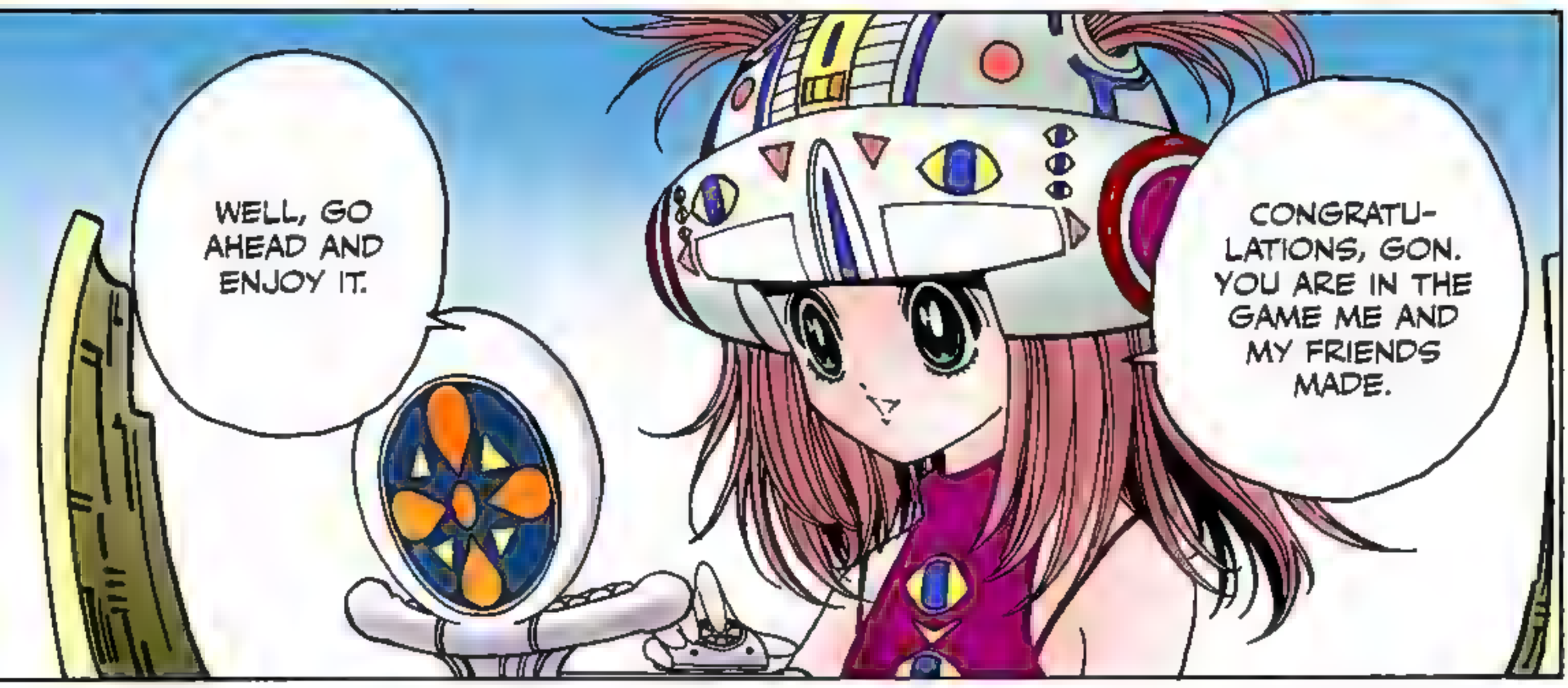
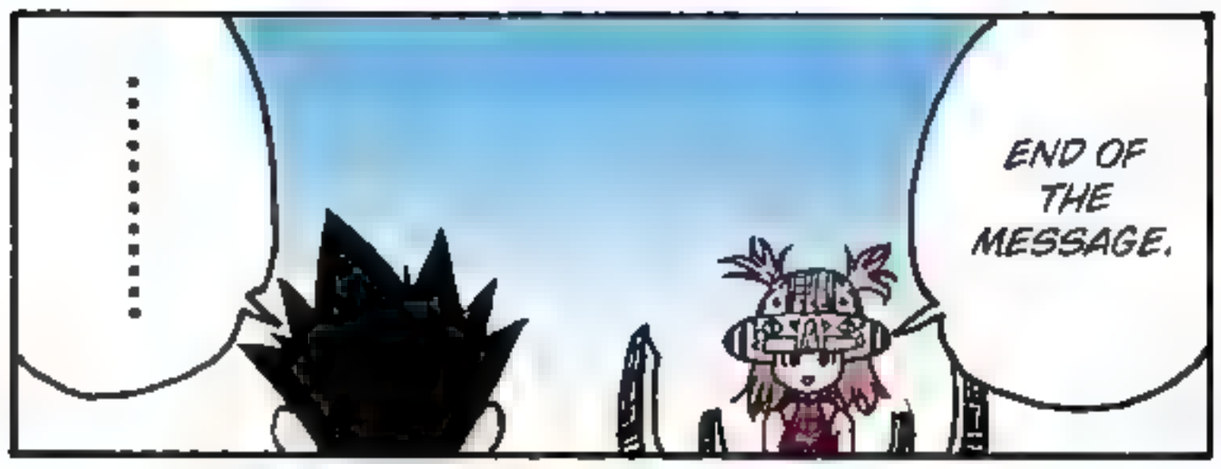

WELL, GO AHEAD AND ENJOY IT.
CONGRATU-LATIONS, GON. YOU ARE IN THE GAME ME AND MY FRIENDS MADE.

I JUST WANTED TO SHOW OFF MY GAME TO YOU.
IF YOU CAME HERE WITH THE IDEA OF FINDING CLUES TO LEAD YOU TO ME... TO BAD.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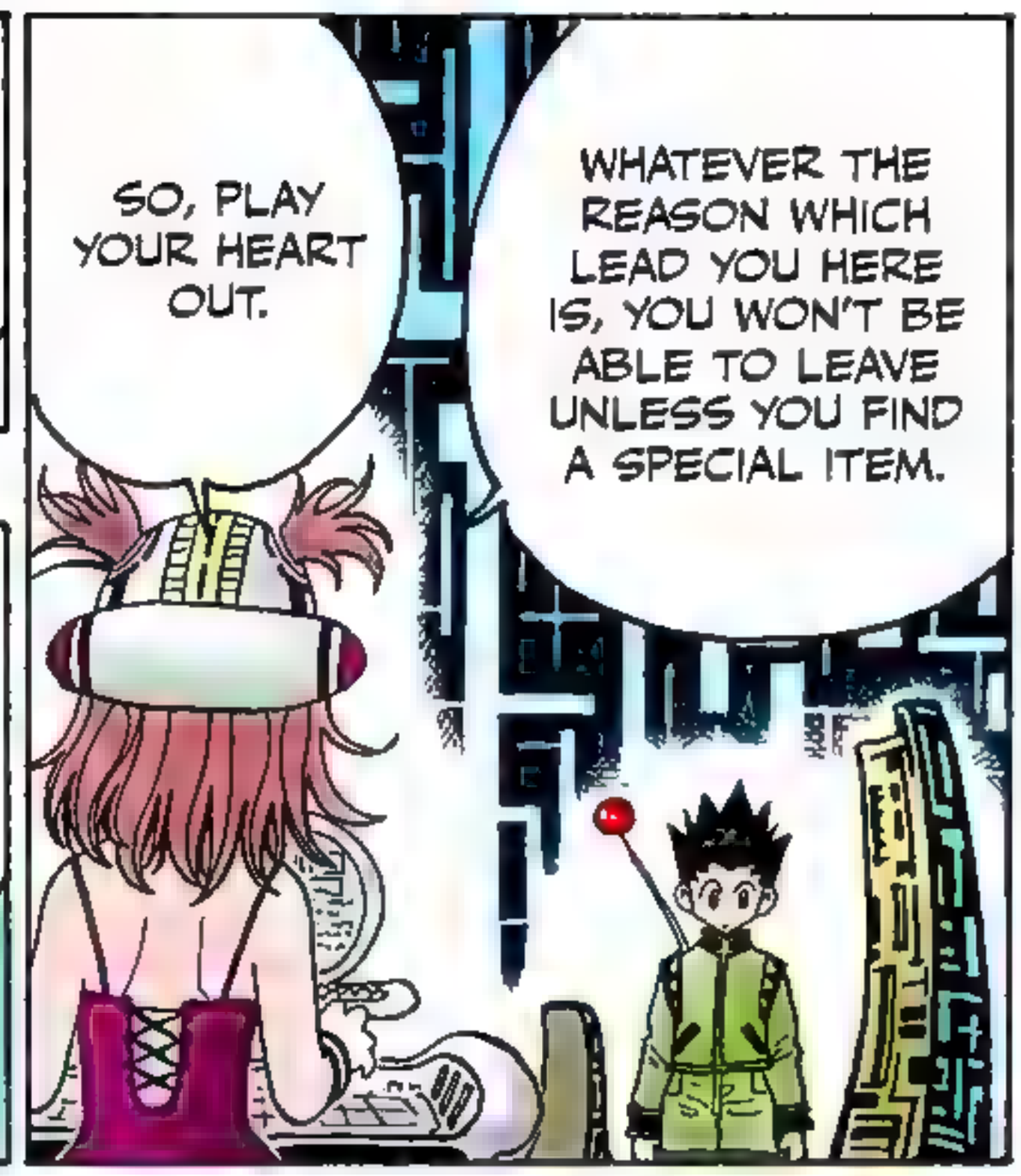
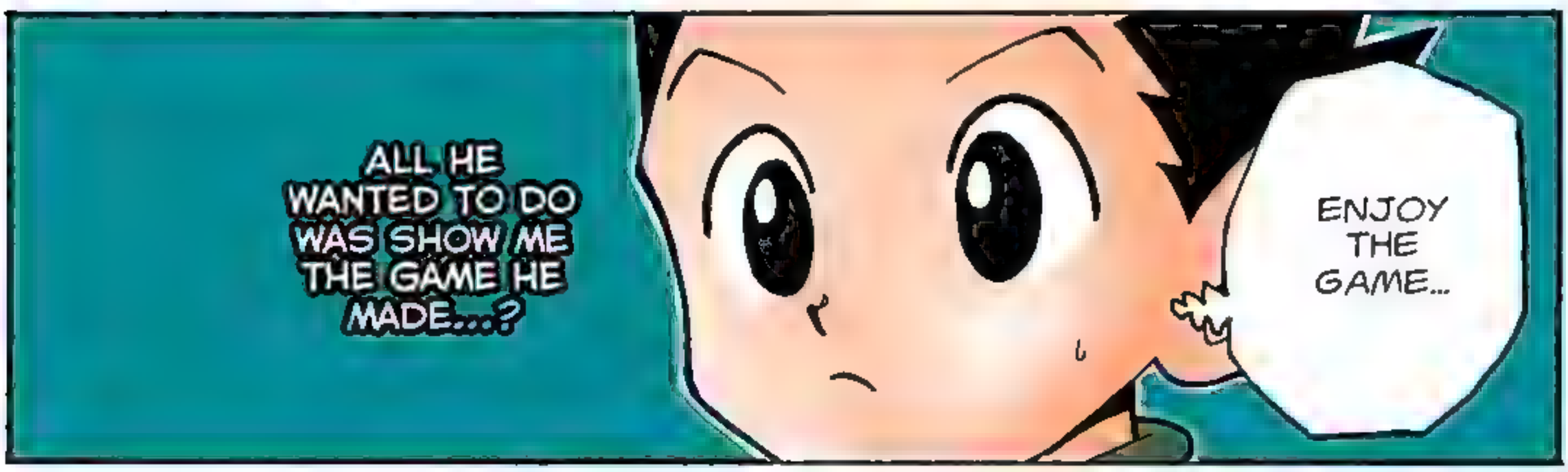
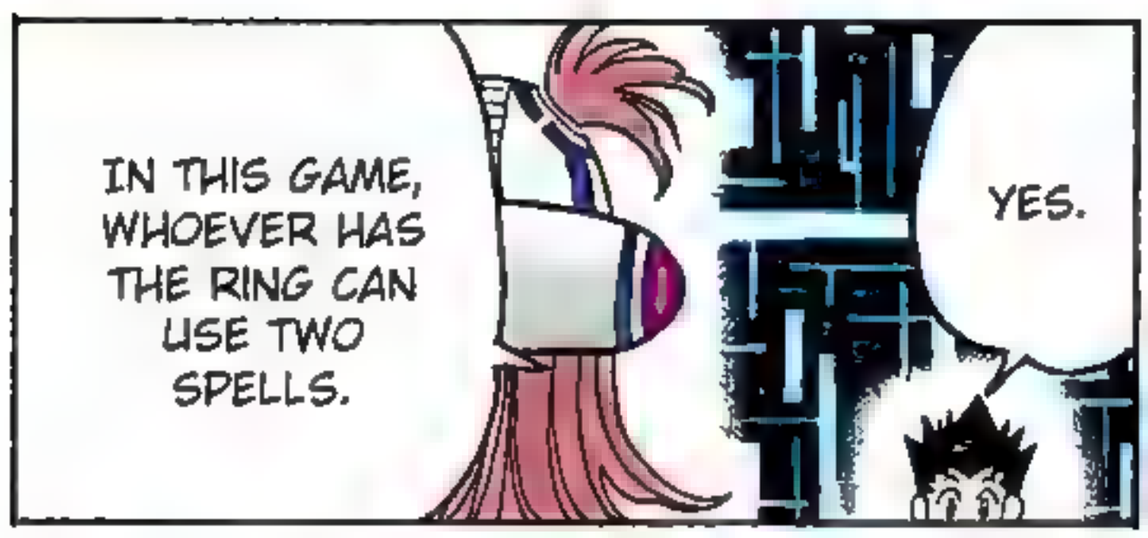
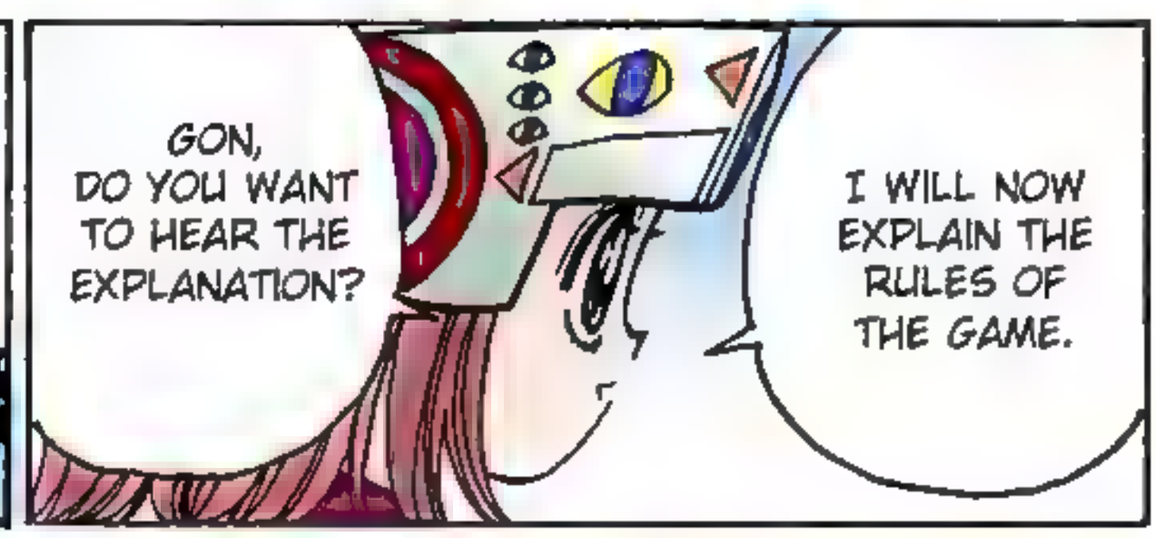
END OF THE MESSAGE.

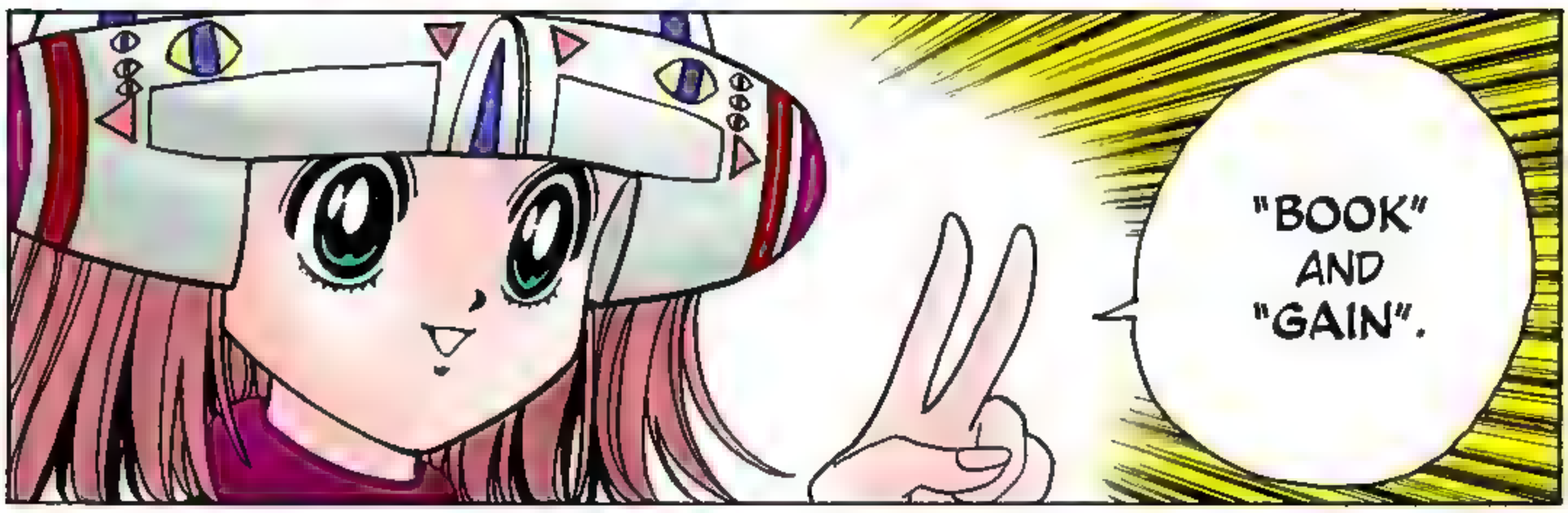
THAT'S ALL?
YES.
THERE ISN'T ANY MORE SAVED DATA.


SO, PLAY YOUR HEART OUT.
WHATEVER THE REASON WHICH LEAD YOU HERE IS, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO LEAVE UNLESS YOU FIND A SPECIAL ITEM.


ALL HE WANTED TO DO WAS SHOW ME THE GAME HE MADE...?
ENJOY THE GAME...


YES.
IN THIS GAME, WHOEVER HAS THE RING CAN USE TWO SPELLS.


GON, DO YOU WANT TO HEAR THE EXPLANATION?
I WILL NOW EXPLAIN THE RULES OF THE GAME.


"BOOK" AND "GAIN".

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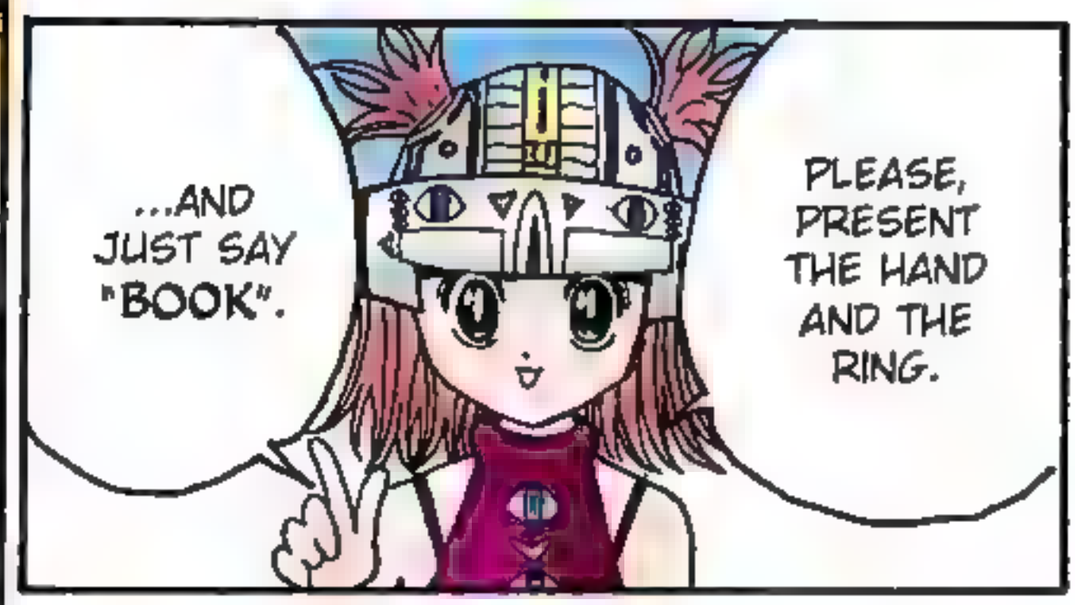
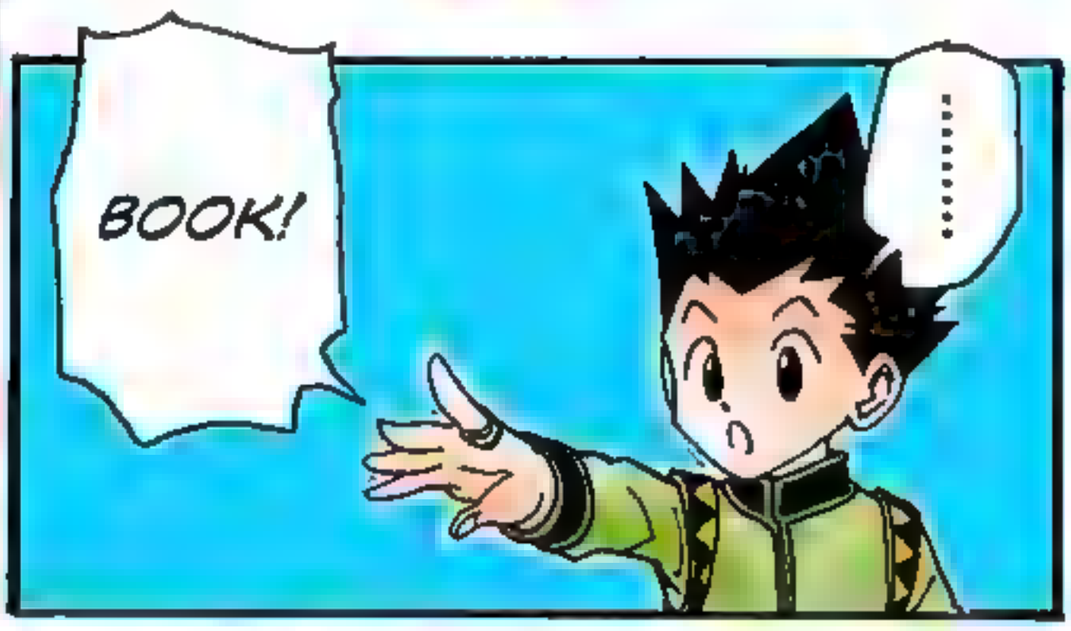

...AND JUST SAY "BOOK".
PLEASE, PRESENT THE HAND AND THE RING.


BOOK!
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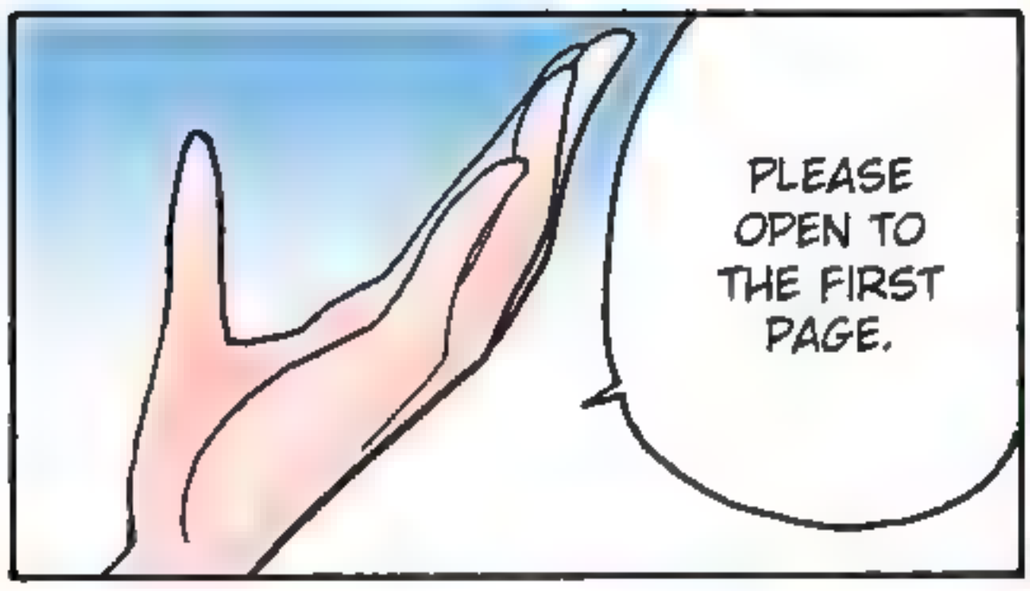
THIS BOOK IS USED TO STORE THE CARDS.
ALL THE ITEMS YOU FIND IN THE GAME CAN BE CONVERTED INTO CARDS.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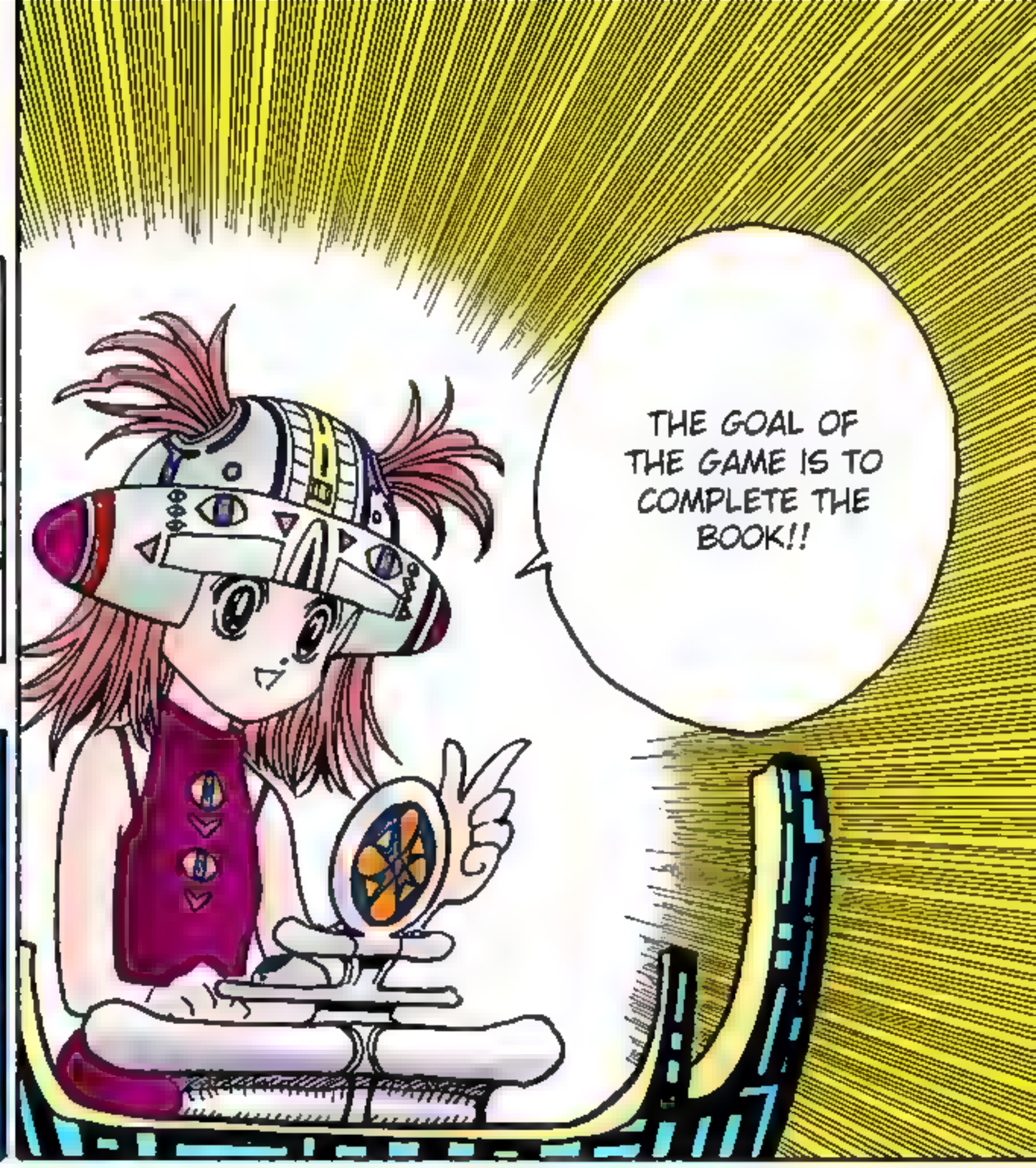
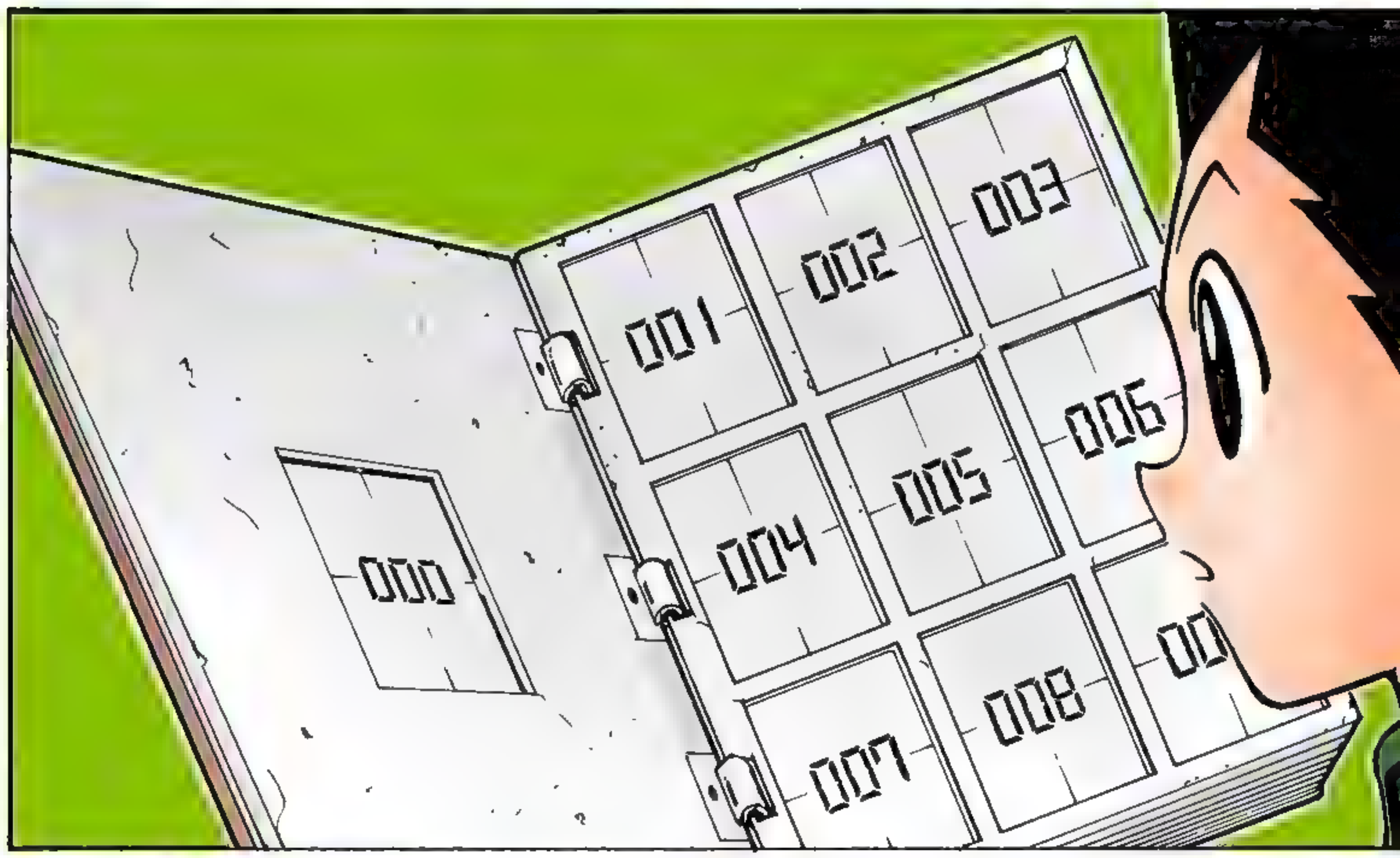

THE GOAL OF THE GAME IS TO COMPLETE THE BOOK!!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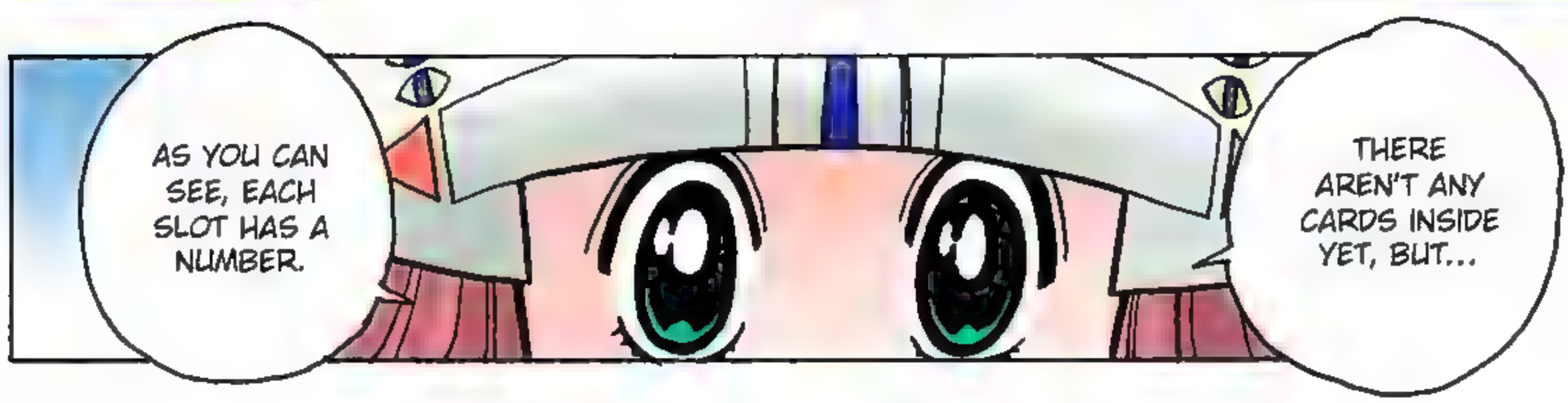
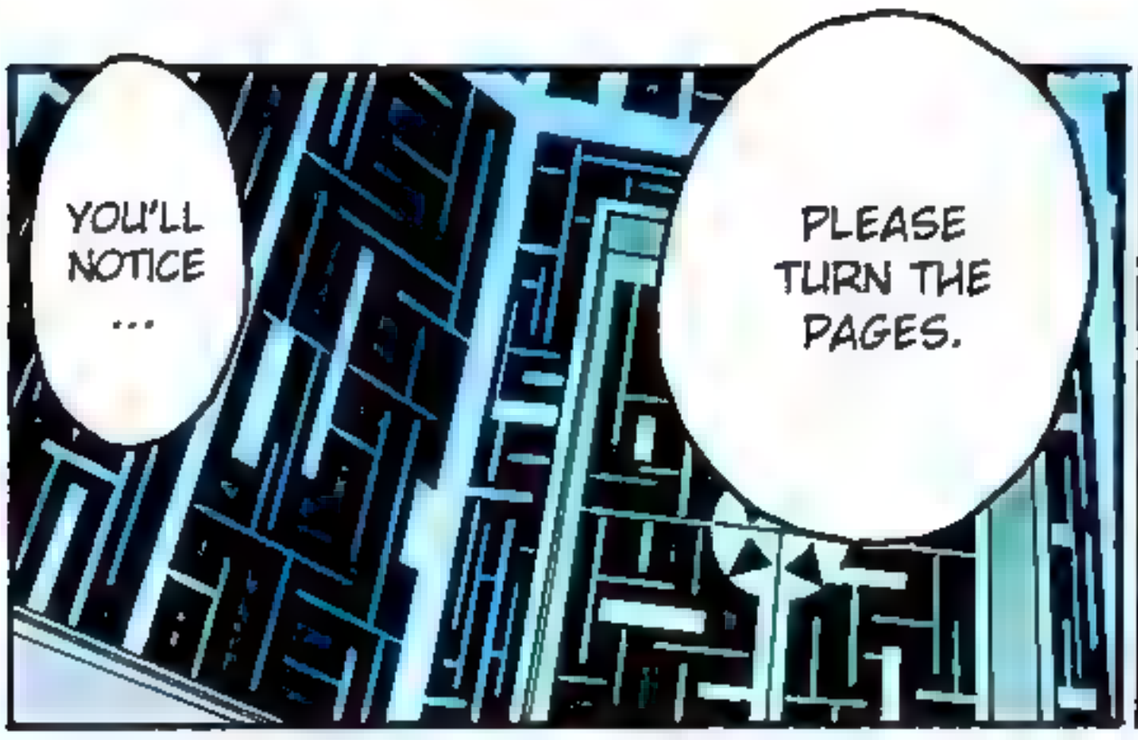
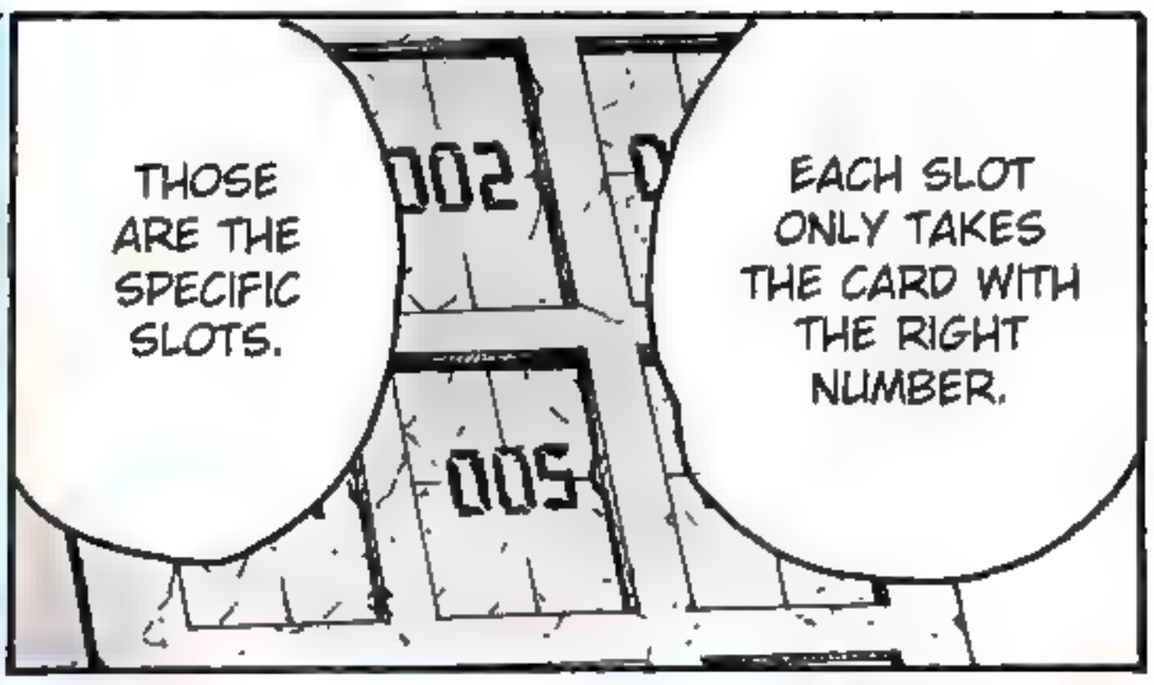

AS YOU CAN SEE, EACH SLOT HAS A NUMBER.
THERE AREN'T ANY CARDS INSIDE YET, BUT...


YOU'LL NOTICE ...
PLEASE TURN THE PAGES.


THOSE ARE THE SPECIFIC SLOTS.
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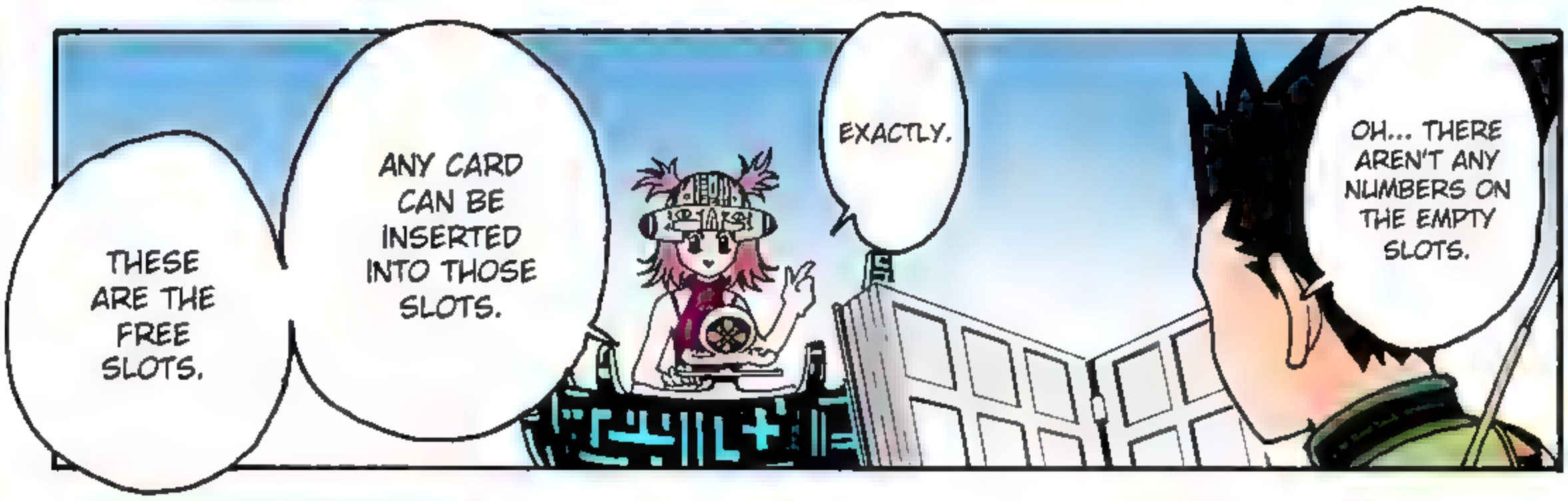
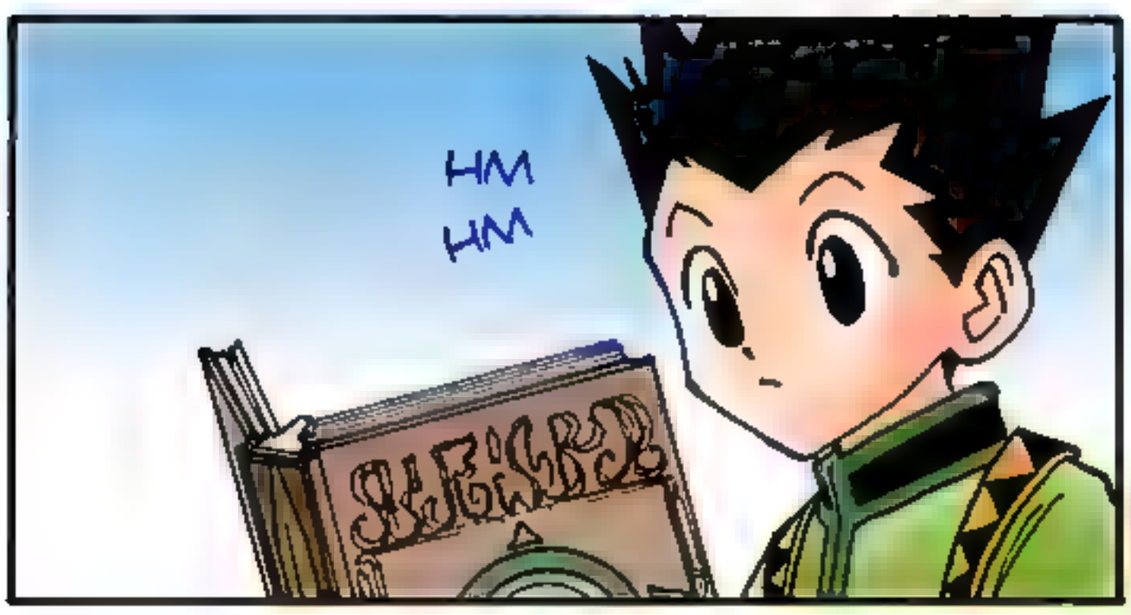
EACH SLOT ONLY TAKES THE CARD WITH THE RIGHT NUMBER.


THESE ARE THE FREE SLOTS.
ANY CARD CAN BE INSERTED INTO THOSE SLOTS.
EXACTLY.
OH... THERE AREN'T ANY NUMBERS ON THE EMPTY SLOTS.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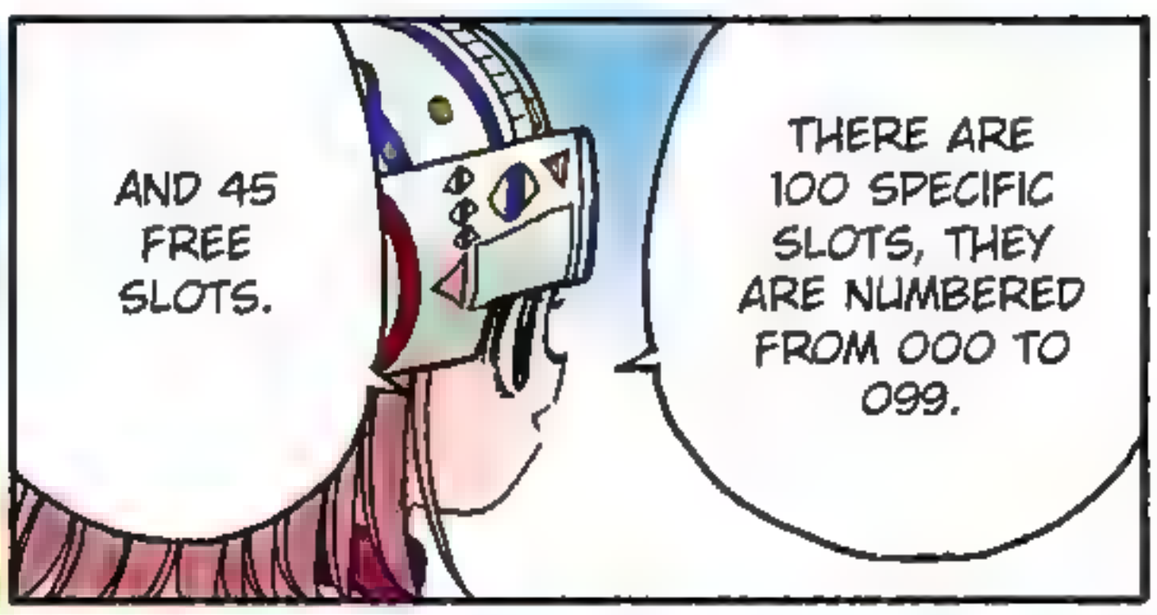
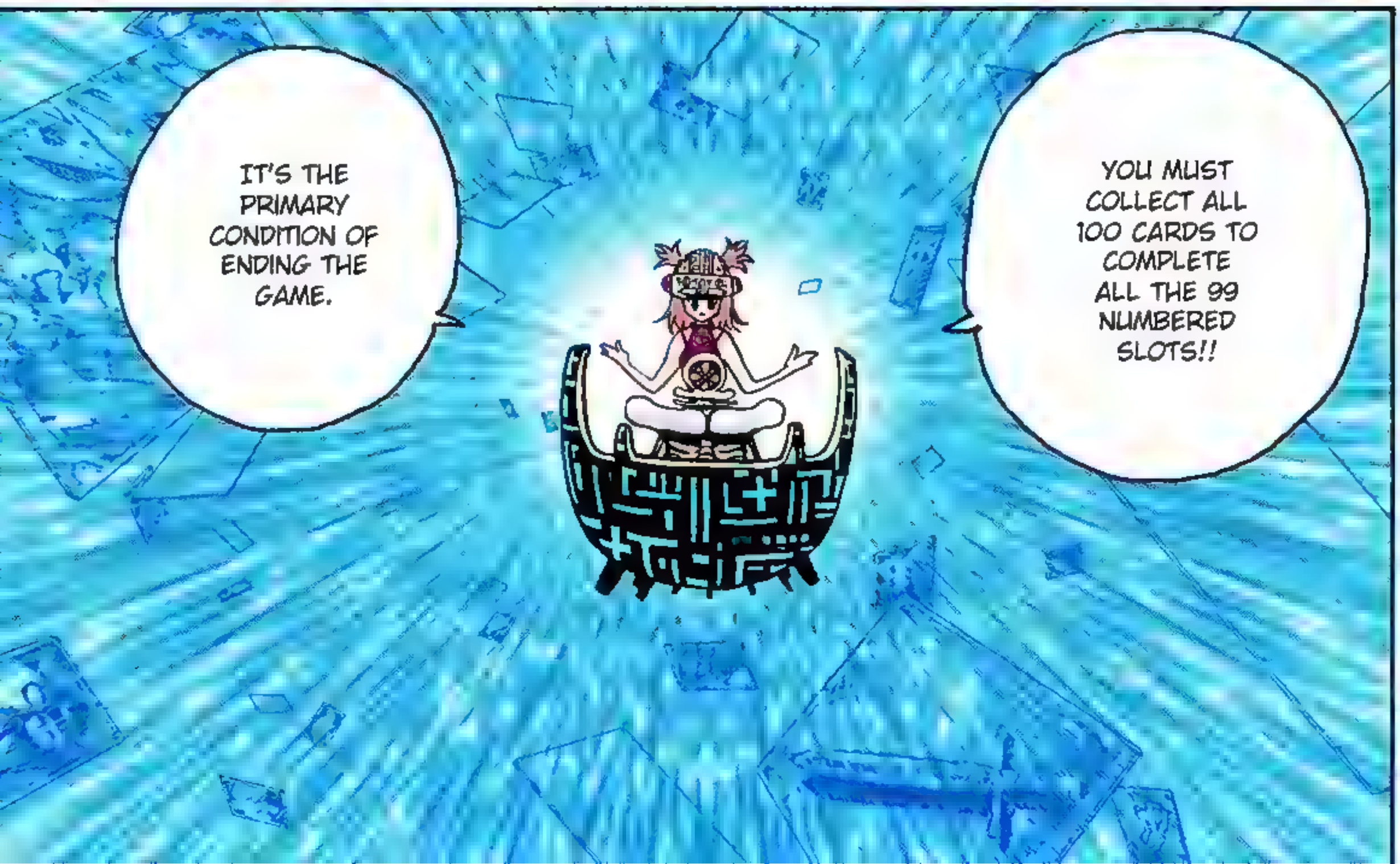
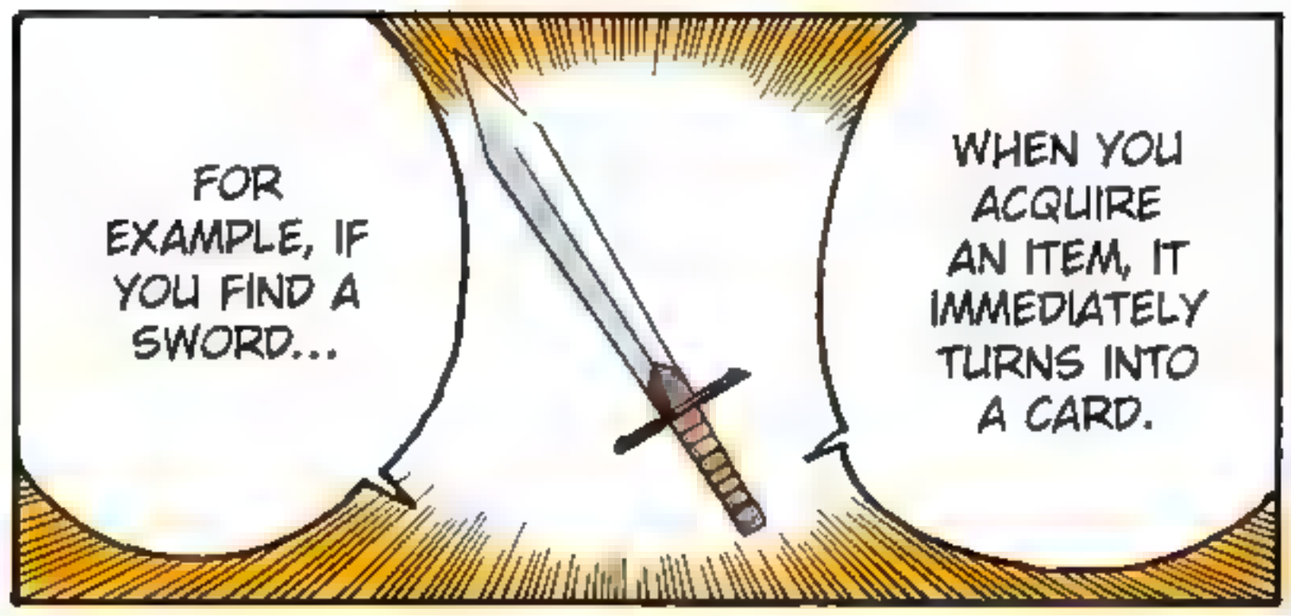
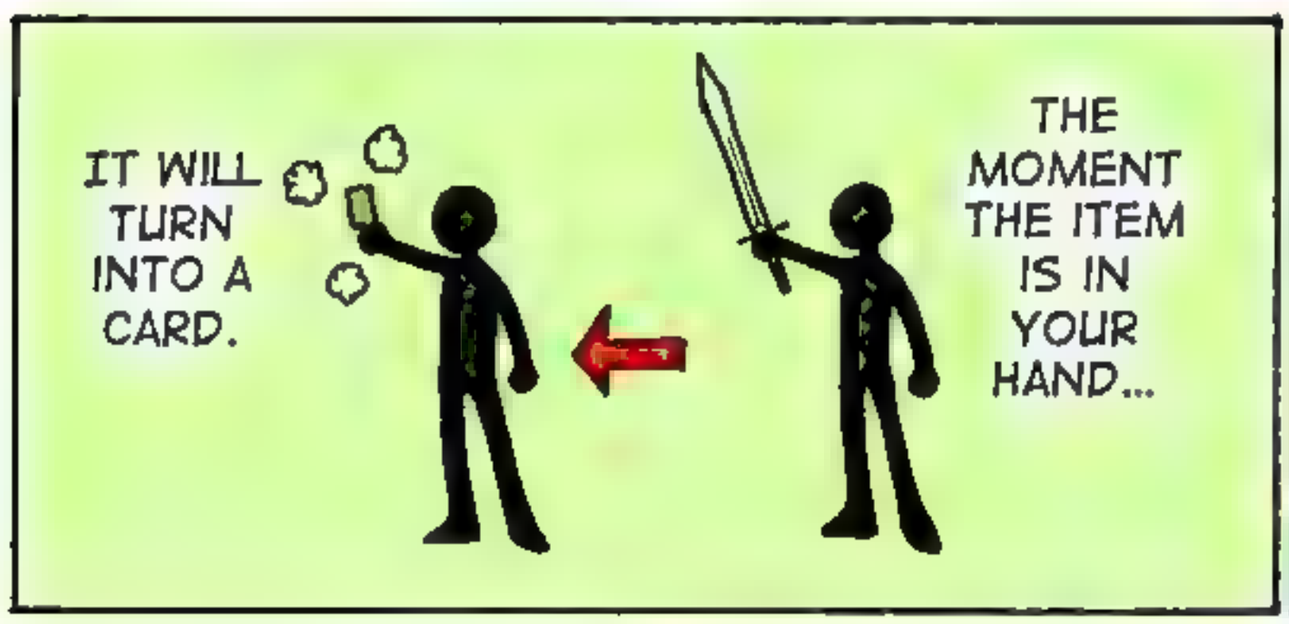
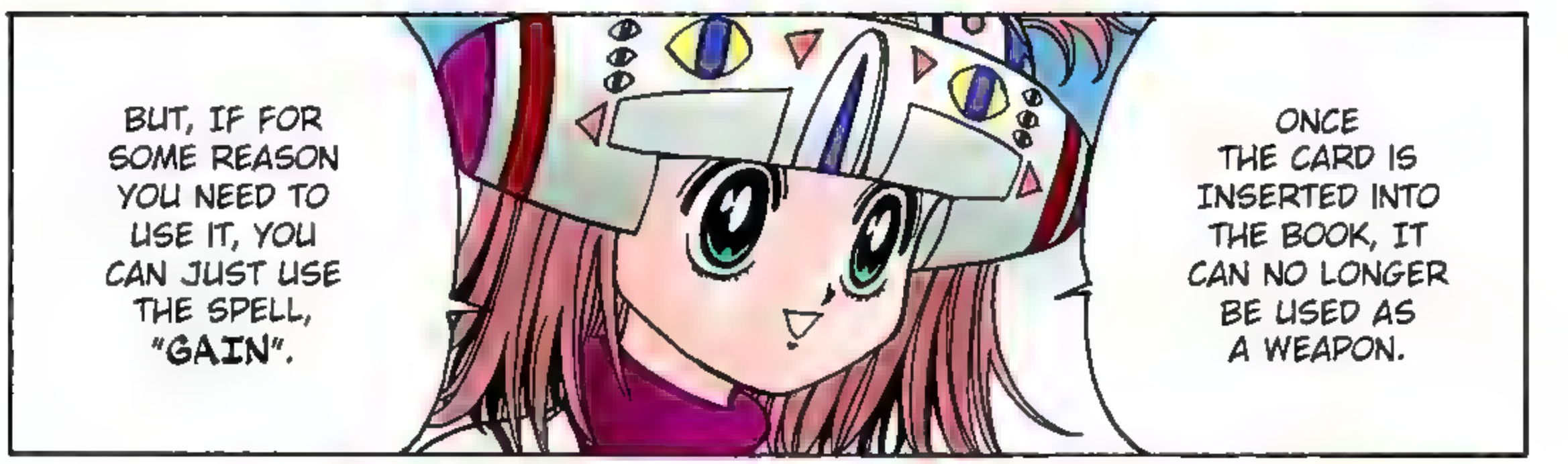

AND 45 FREE SLOTS.
THERE ARE 100 SPECIFIC SLOTS, THEY ARE NUMBERED FROM 000 TO 099.

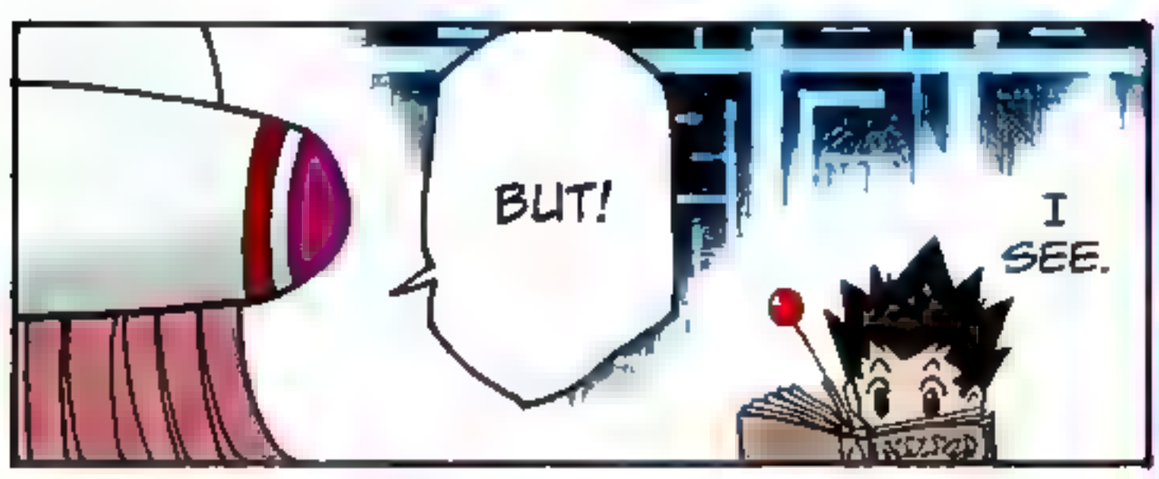

IT'S THE PRIMARY CONDITION OF ENDING THE GAME.
YOU MUST COLLECT ALL 100 CARDS TO COMPLETE ALL THE 99 NUMBERED SLOTS!!

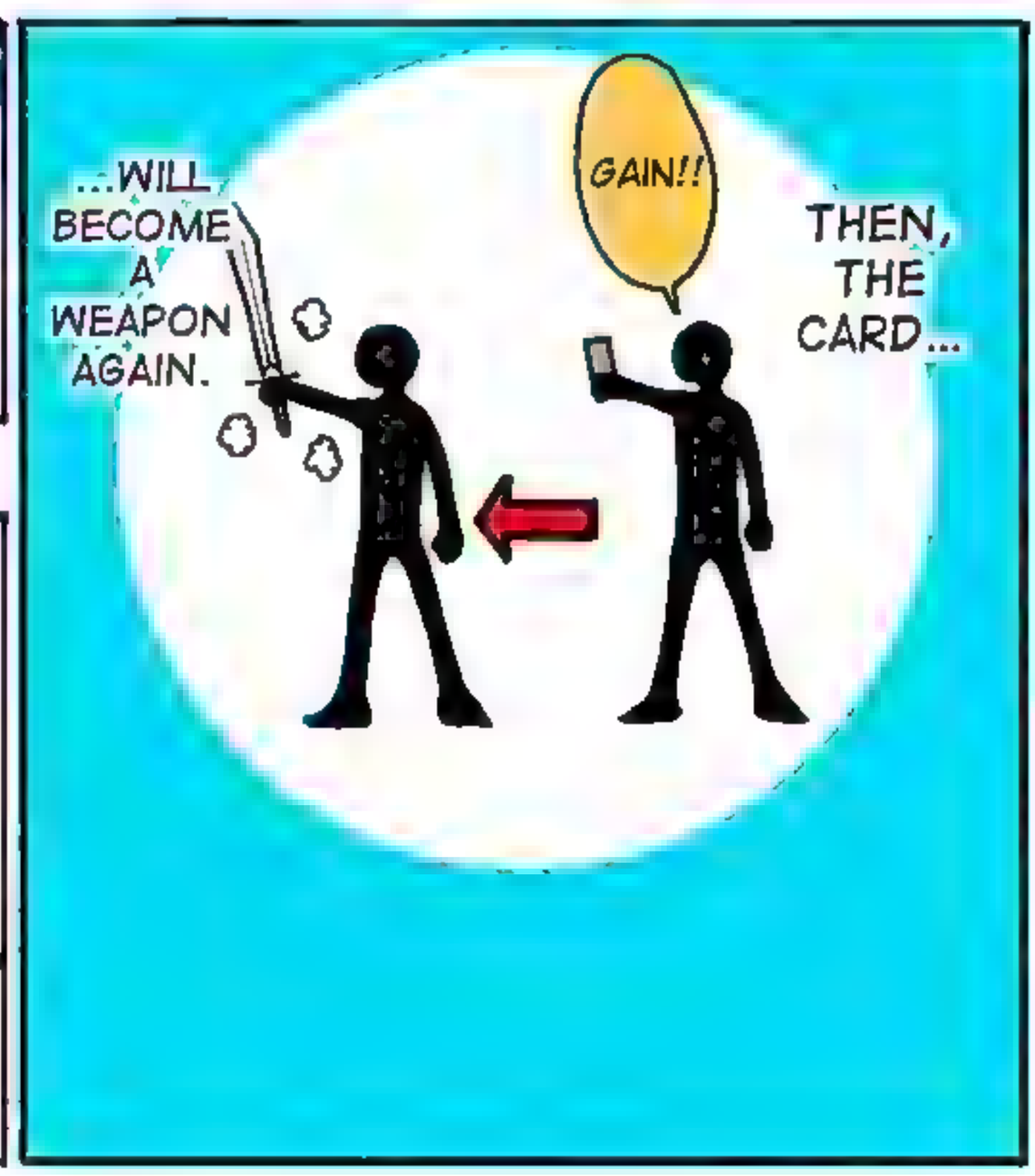

FOR EXAMPLE, IF YOU FIND A SWORD...
WHEN YOU ACQUIRE AN ITEM, IT IMMEDIATELY TURNS INTO A CARD.

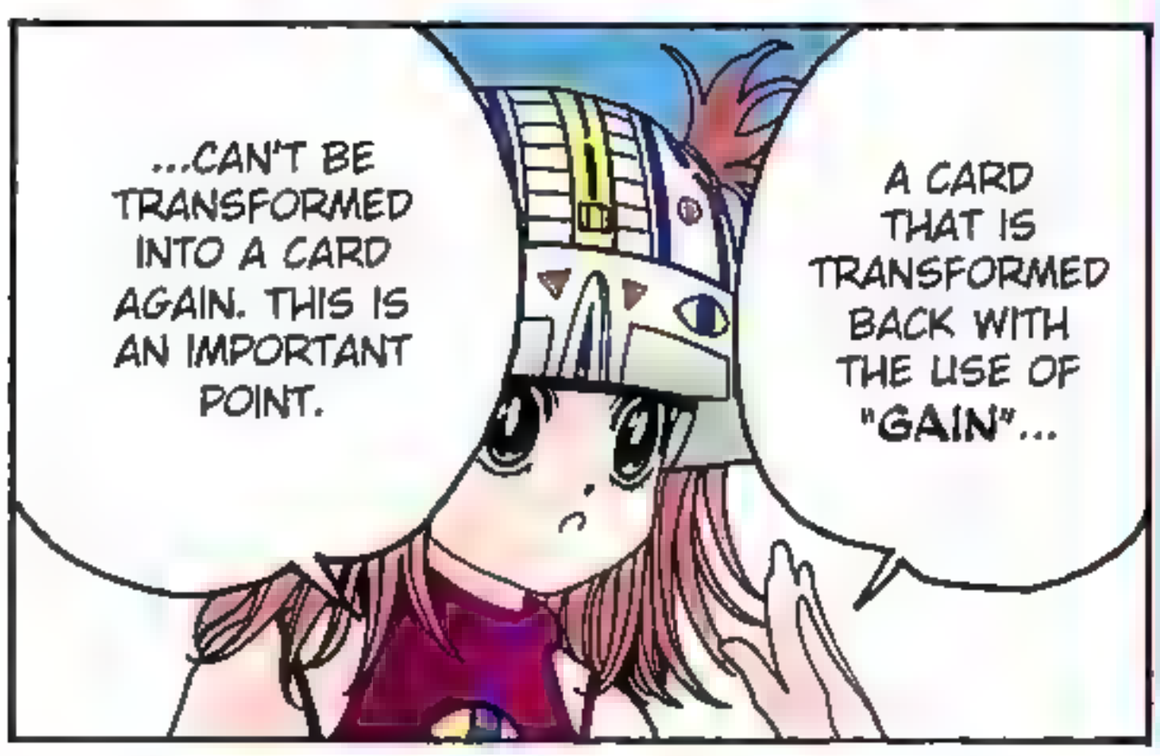
IN SHORT, YOU HAVE TO CONVERT 100 ITEMS INTO CARDS, AND STORE THEM IN THE BOOK.
YES.
OKAY.
SO WE ONLY NEED TO COLLECT 100 CARDS?

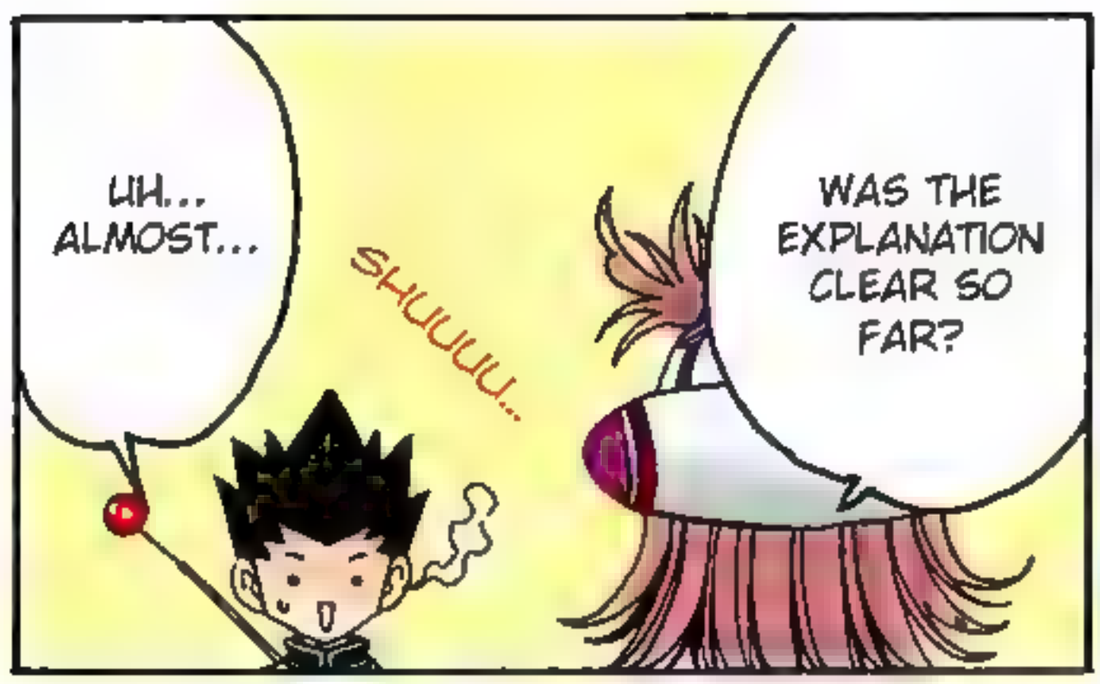

IT WILL TURN INTO A CARD.
THE MOMENT THE ITEM IS IN YOUR HAND...

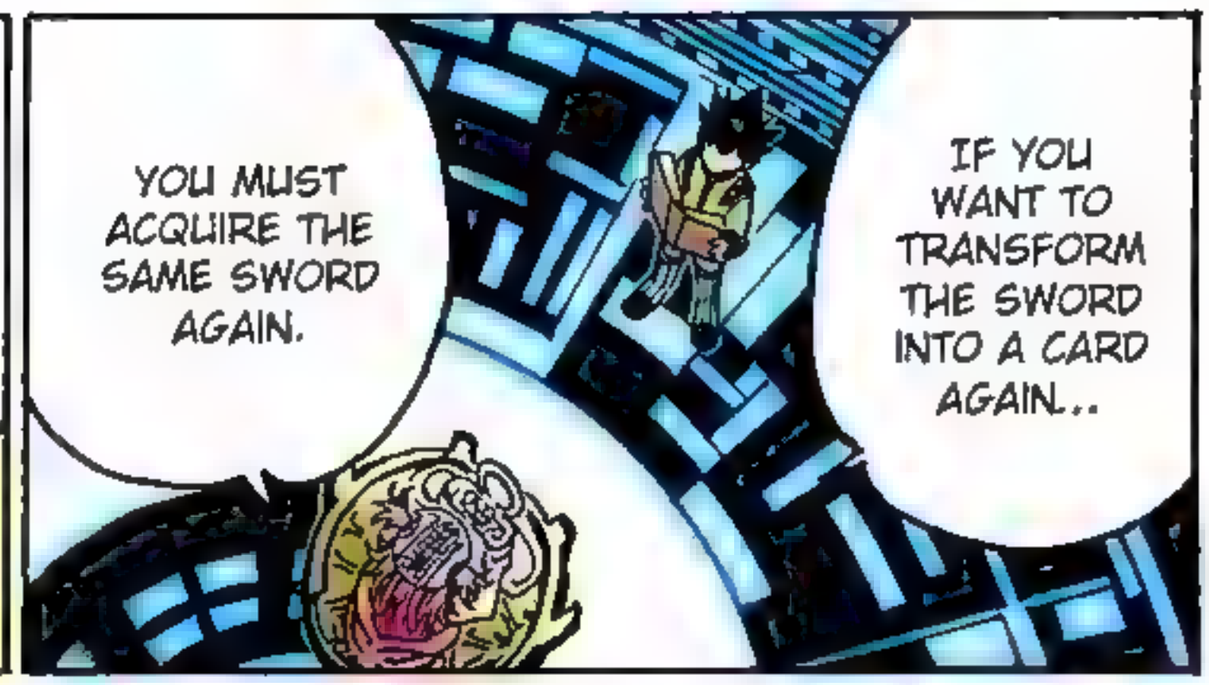

BUT, IF FOR SOME REASON YOU NEED TO USE IT, YOU CAN JUST USE THE SPELL, "GAIN".
ONCE THE CARD IS INSERTED INTO THE BOOK, IT CAN NO LONGER BE USED AS A WEAPON.

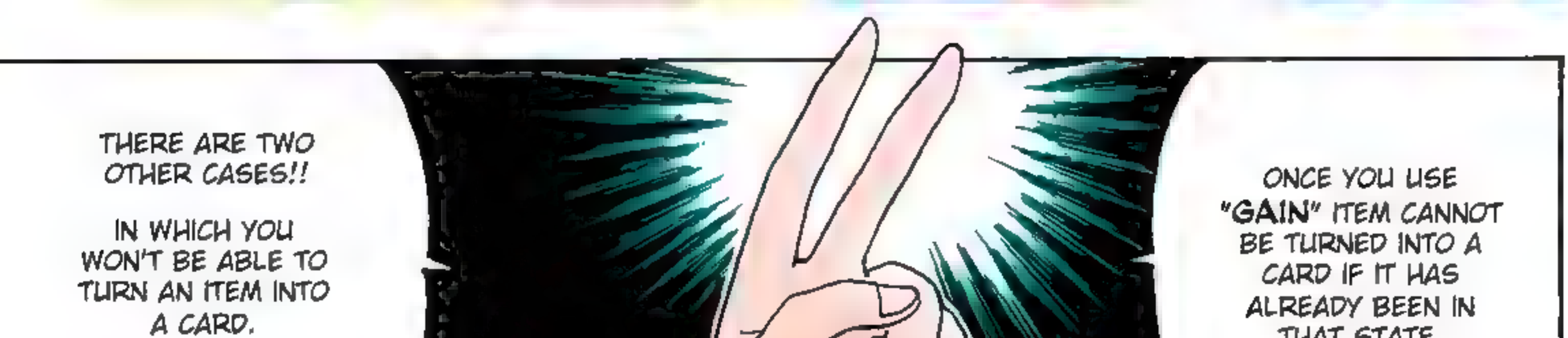

BUT!
I SEE.

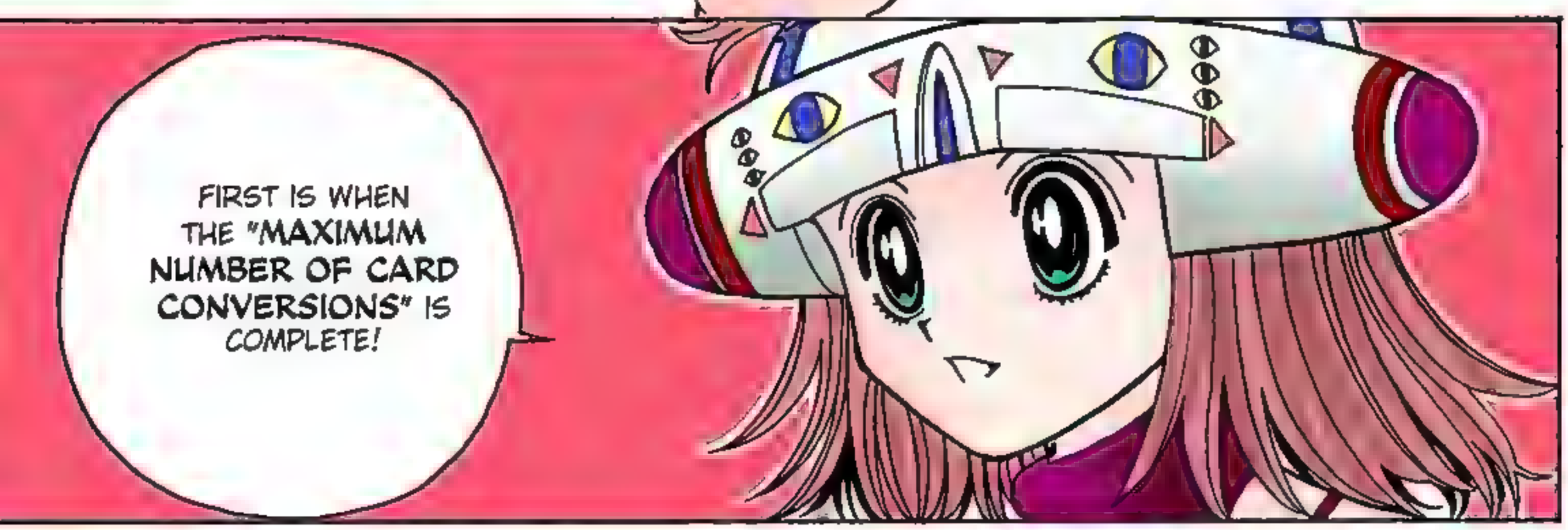

...WILL BECOME A WEAPON AGAIN.
GAIN!!
THEN, THE CARD...


...CAN'T BE TRANSFORMED INTO A CARD AGAIN. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT POINT.
A CARD THAT IS TRANSFORMED BACK WITH THE USE OF "GAIN"...

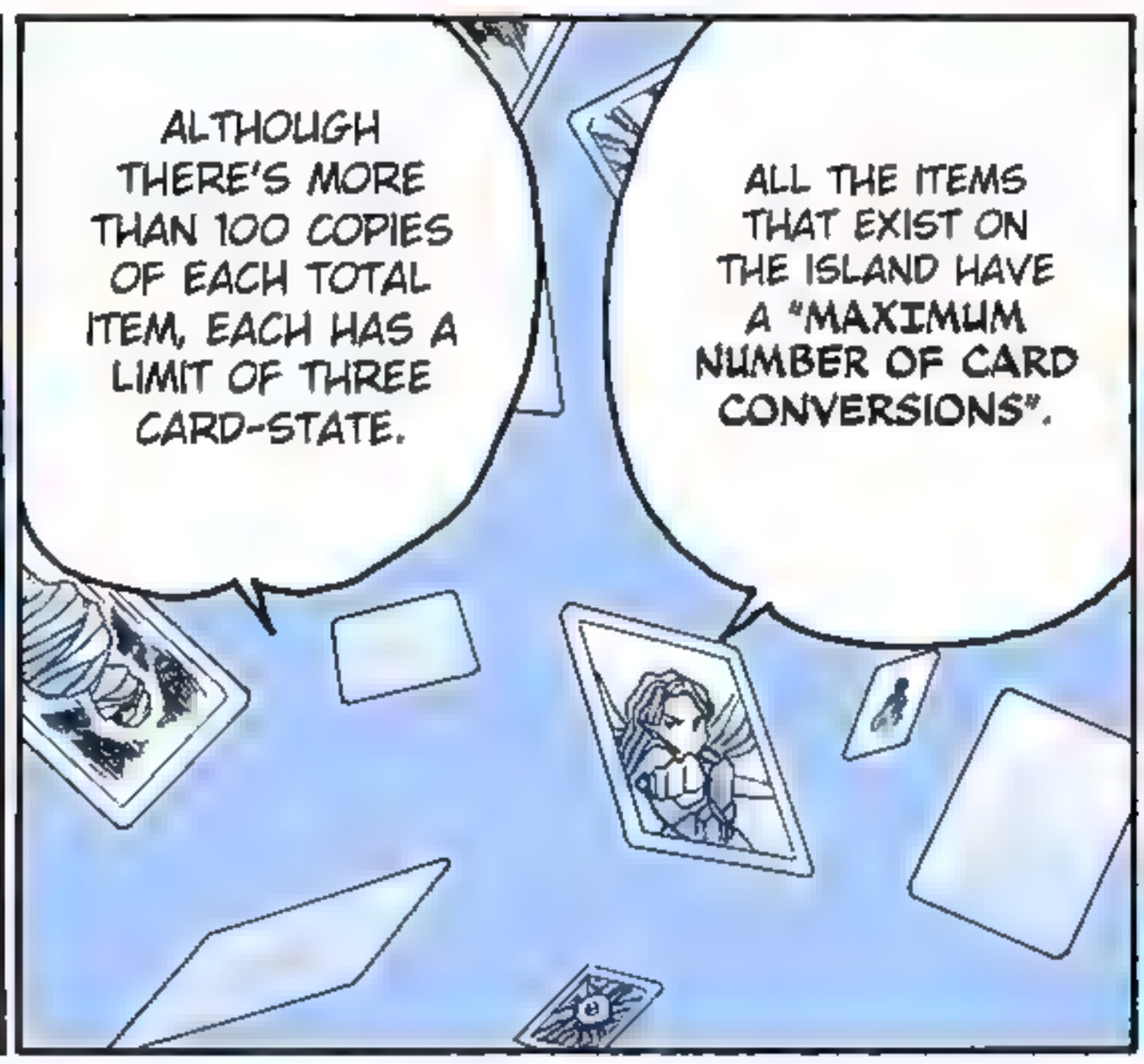

UH... ALMOST...
SHUUUU...
WAS THE EXPLANATION CLEAR SO FAR?

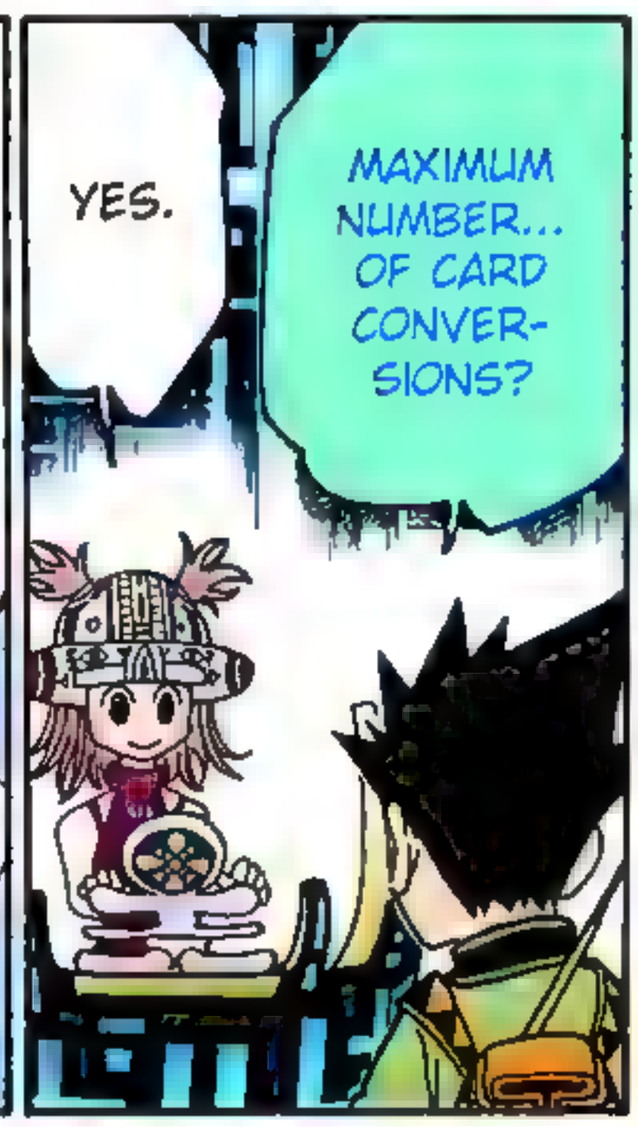

YOU MUST ACQUIRE THE SAME SWORD AGAIN.
IF YOU WANT TO TRANSFORM THE SWORD INTO A CARD AGAIN...


THERE ARE TWO OTHER CASES!!
IN WHICH YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO TURN AN ITEM INTO A CARD.
ONCE YOU USE "GAIN" ITEM CANNOT BE TURNED INTO A CARD IF IT HAS ALREADY BEEN IN THAT STATE.


FIRST IS WHEN THE "MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CARD CONVERSIONS" IS COMPLETE!

HMM...
LET'S SAY...


ALTHOUGH THERE'S MORE THAN 100 COPIES OF EACH TOTAL ITEM, EACH HAS A LIMIT OF THREE CARD-STATE.
ALL THE ITEMS THAT EXIST ON THE ISLAND HAVE A "MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CARD CONVERSIONS".


YES.
MAXIMUM NUMBER... OF CARD CONVER-SIONS?

CONSEQUENTLY, IF ANOTHER PLAYER FINDS THE SAME ITEM AND PICKS IT UP, IT WILL NOT TURN INTO A CARD.

IF EACH PLAYER KEEPS HIS CARD IN THE BOOK, THE TRANSFORMATION LIMIT IS REACHED.

?

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IMAGINE THAT THERE ARE THREE IDENTICAL ITEMS IN THE FORM OF "CARDS CONVER-SIONS".

CORRECT.

THAT MEANS THE CONVER-SION LIMIT HAS BEEN REACHED TO ITS MAX.

YOU HAVE TO KEEP ALL YOUR CARDS IN THE BOOK!

ONE MORE WORD OF CAUTION...

BE CAREFUL ABOUT THAT, AND FINISHING THIS BOOK IS YOUR TOP PRIORITY.

ALRIGHT.

AND IN THAT CASE, RE-CONVRTING THEM CANNOT BE DONE.

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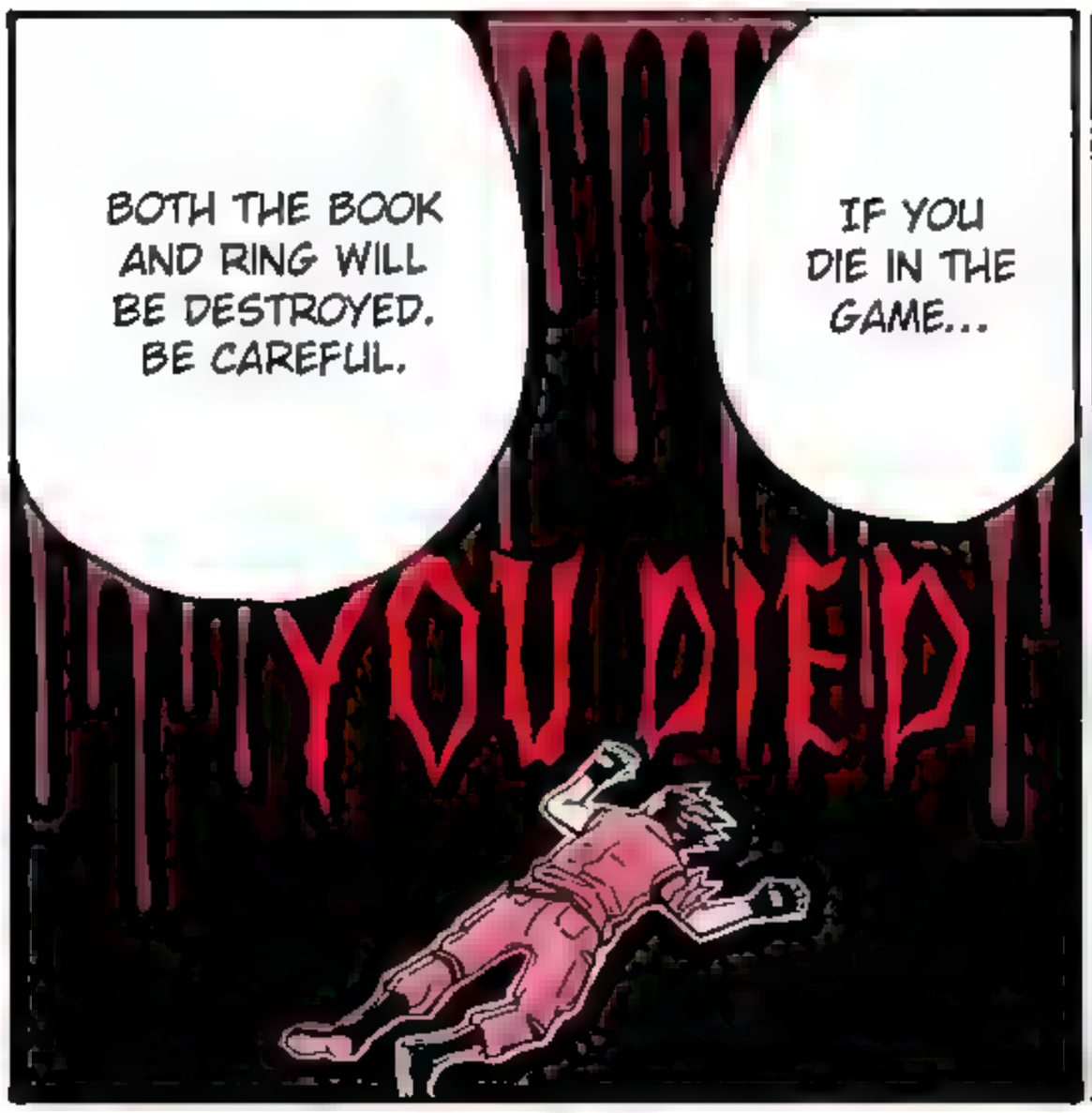
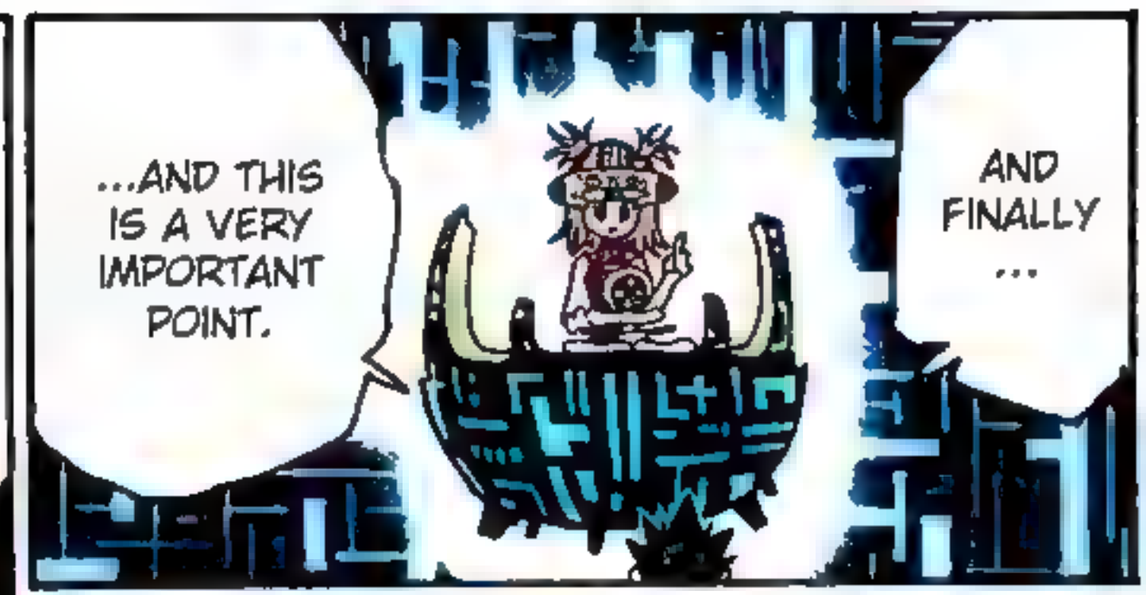
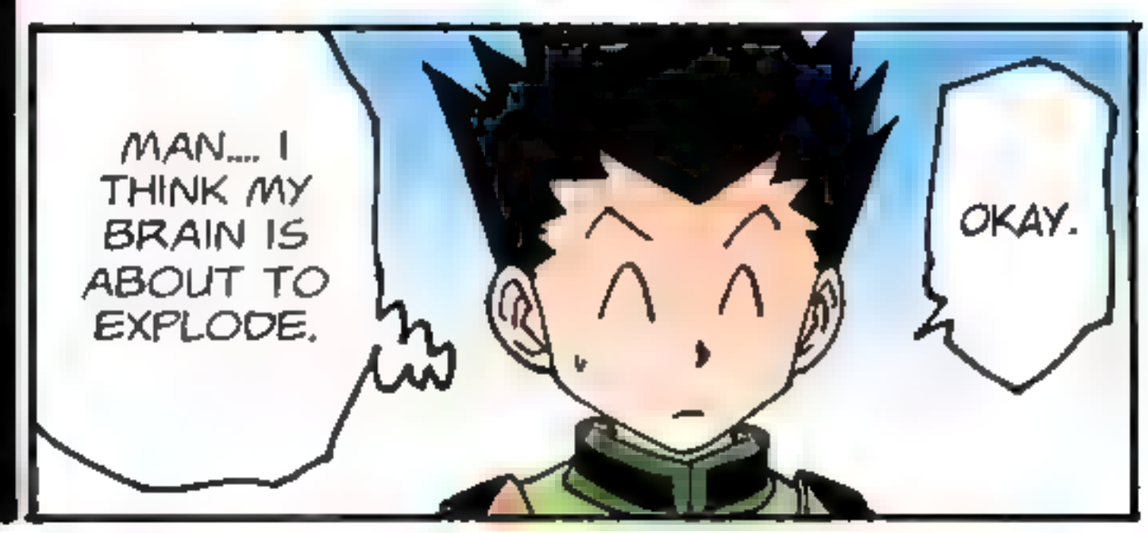
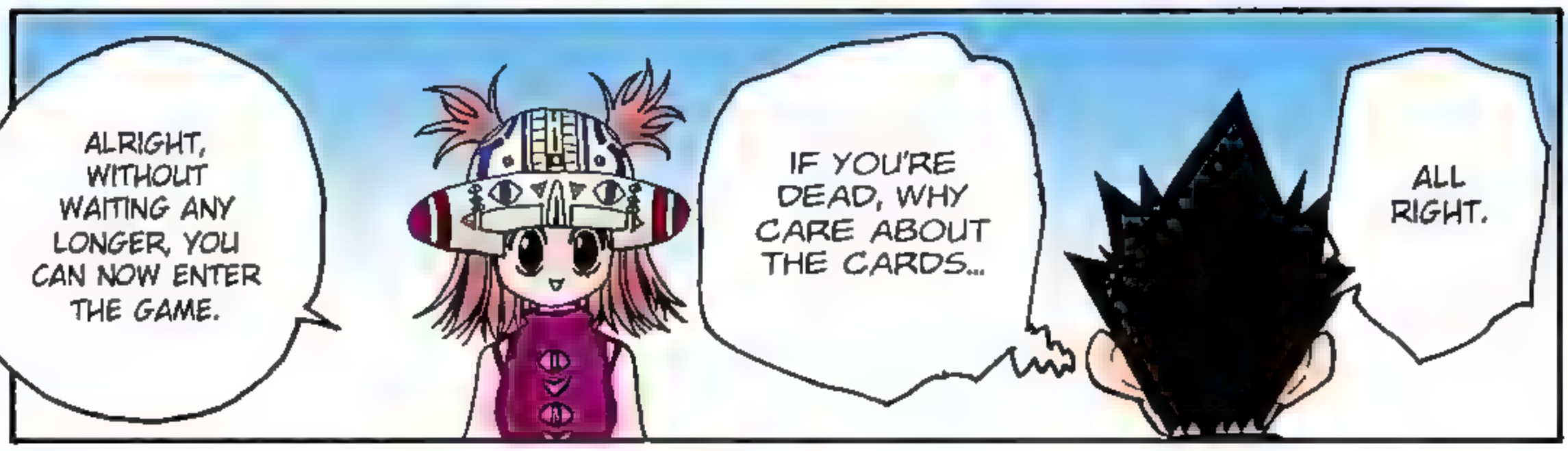
BECAUSE IF YOU LEAVE OUT, ONE MINUTE LATER, THE CARD WILL AUTOMATICALLY RETURN TO BEING AN OBJECT.

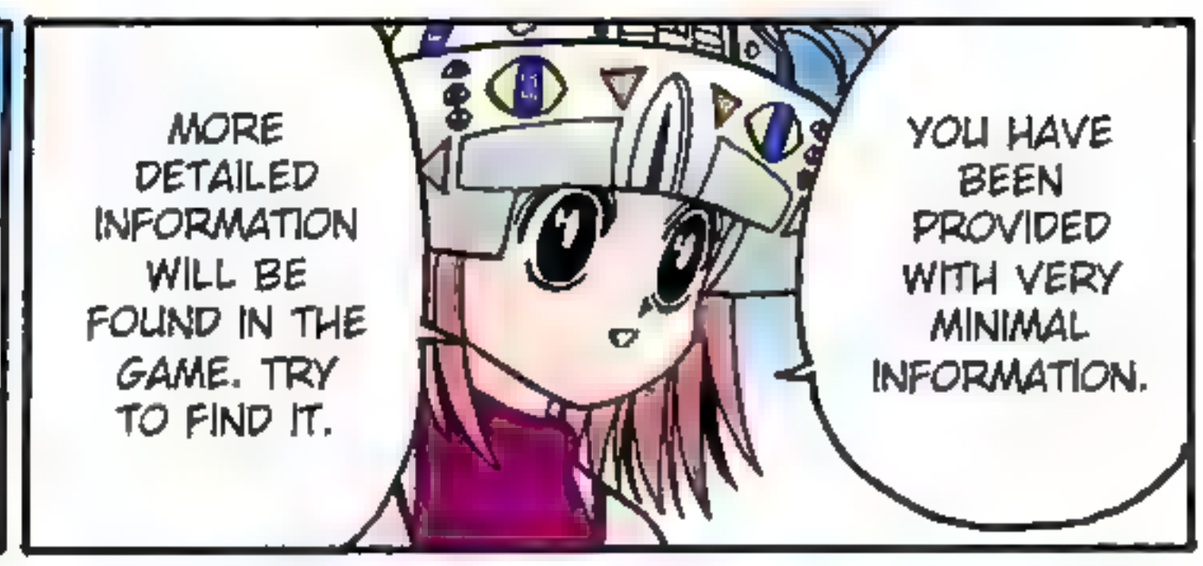

BOTH THE BOOK AND RING WILL BE DESTROYED. BE CAREFUL.
IF YOU DIE IN THE GAME...
YOU DIED!

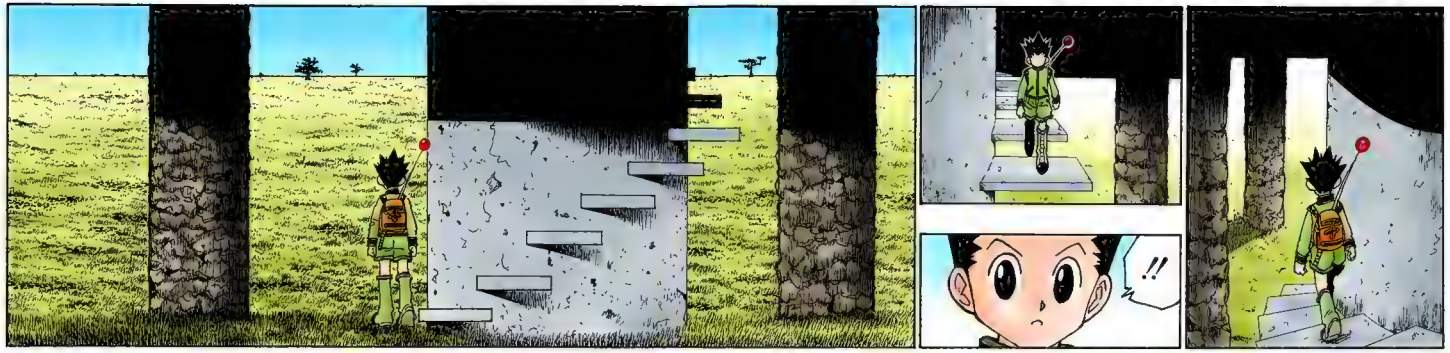

...AND THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT POINT.
AND FINALLY ...


MAN.... I THINK MY BRAIN IS ABOUT TO EXPLODE.
OKAY.


ALRIGHT, WITHOUT WAITING ANY LONGER, YOU CAN NOW ENTER THE GAME.
IF YOU'RE DEAD, WHY CARE ABOUT THE CARDS...
ALL RIGHT.

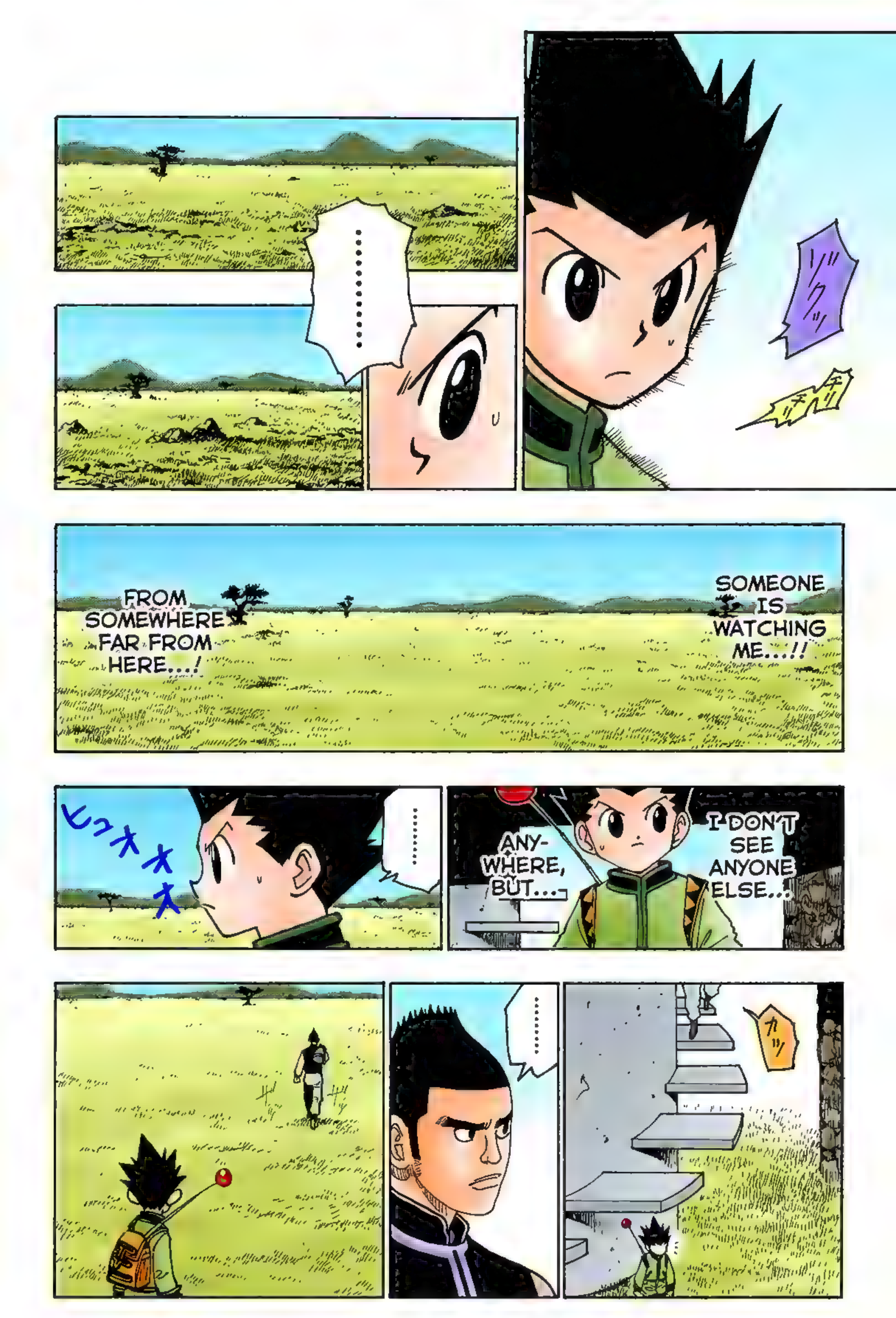
GOOD LUCK ON YOUR MISSION.
PLEASE USE THE STAIRS.


MORE DETAILED INFORMATION WILL BE FOUND IN THE GAME. TRY TO FIND IT.
YOU HAVE BEEN PROVIDED WITH VERY MINIMAL INFORMATION.



AS FAR AS THE EYE CAN SEE...!!

A GRASSY PLAIN...!!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FROM SOMEWHERE FAR FROM HERE…!
SOMEONE IS WATCHING ME…!!
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ANY-WHERE, BUT…
I DON'T SEE ANYONE ELSE…
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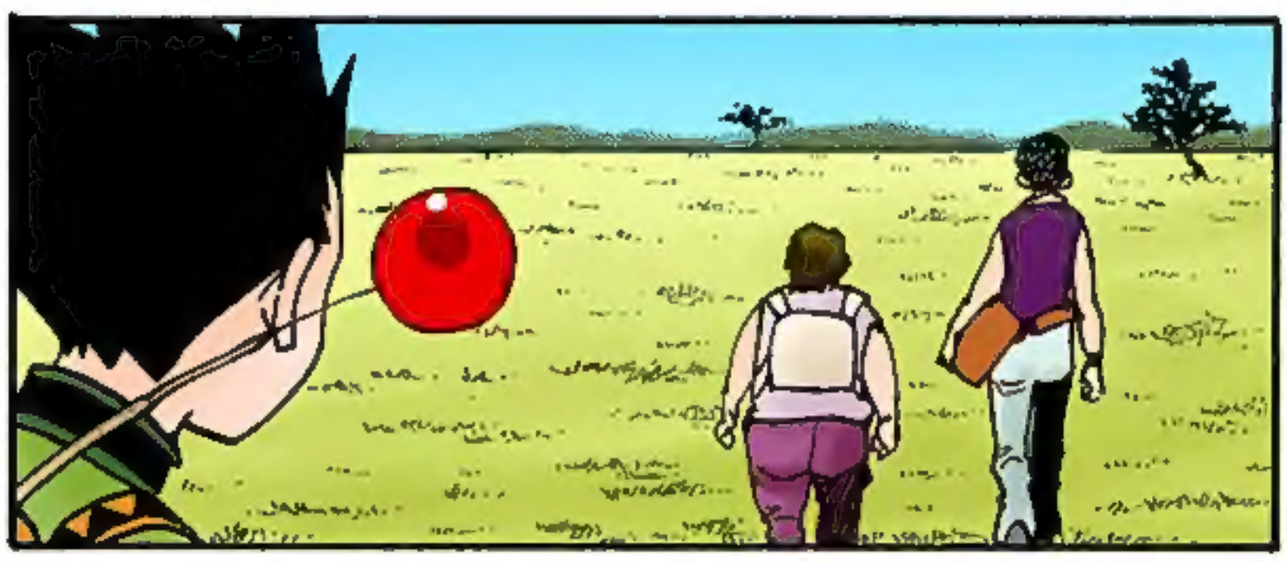
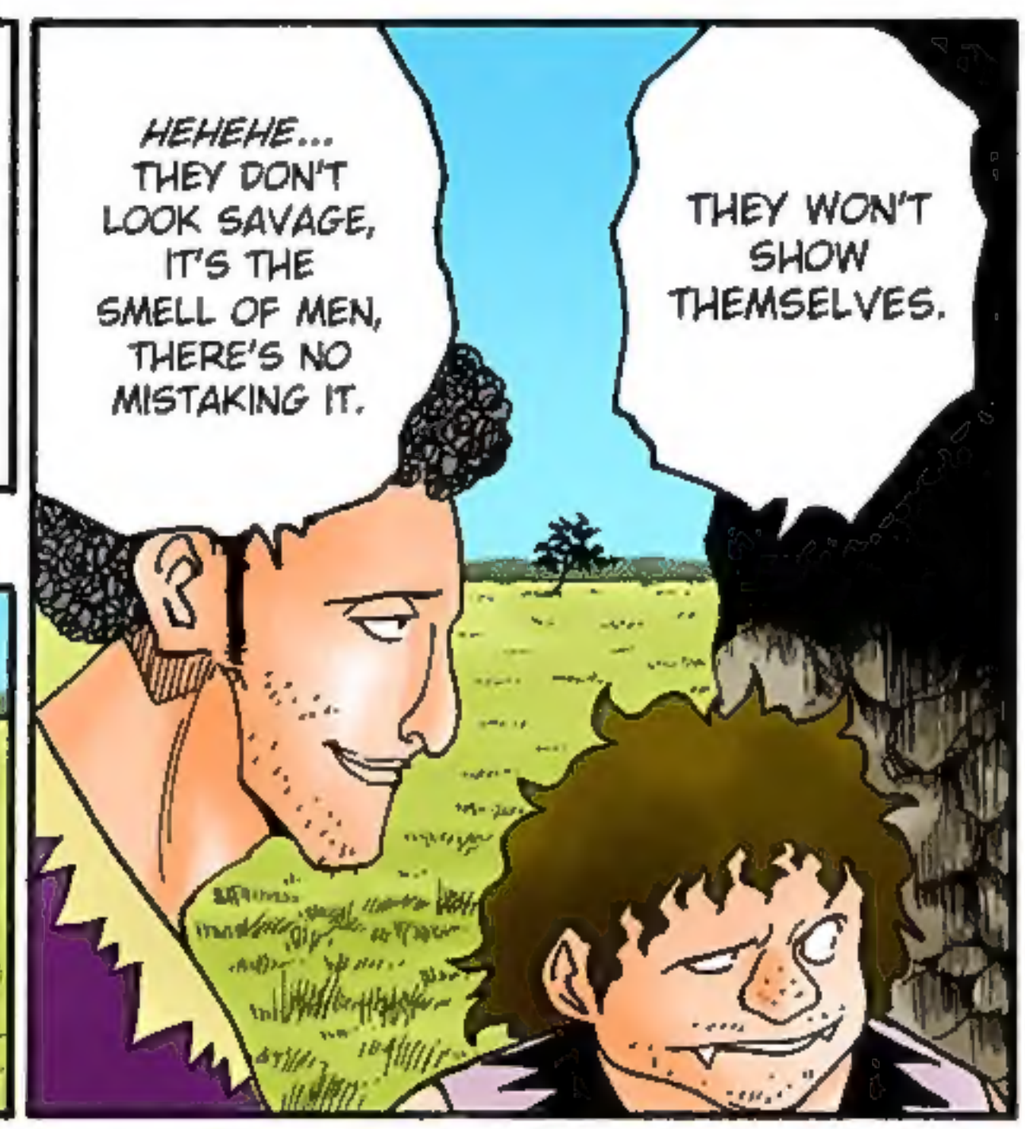
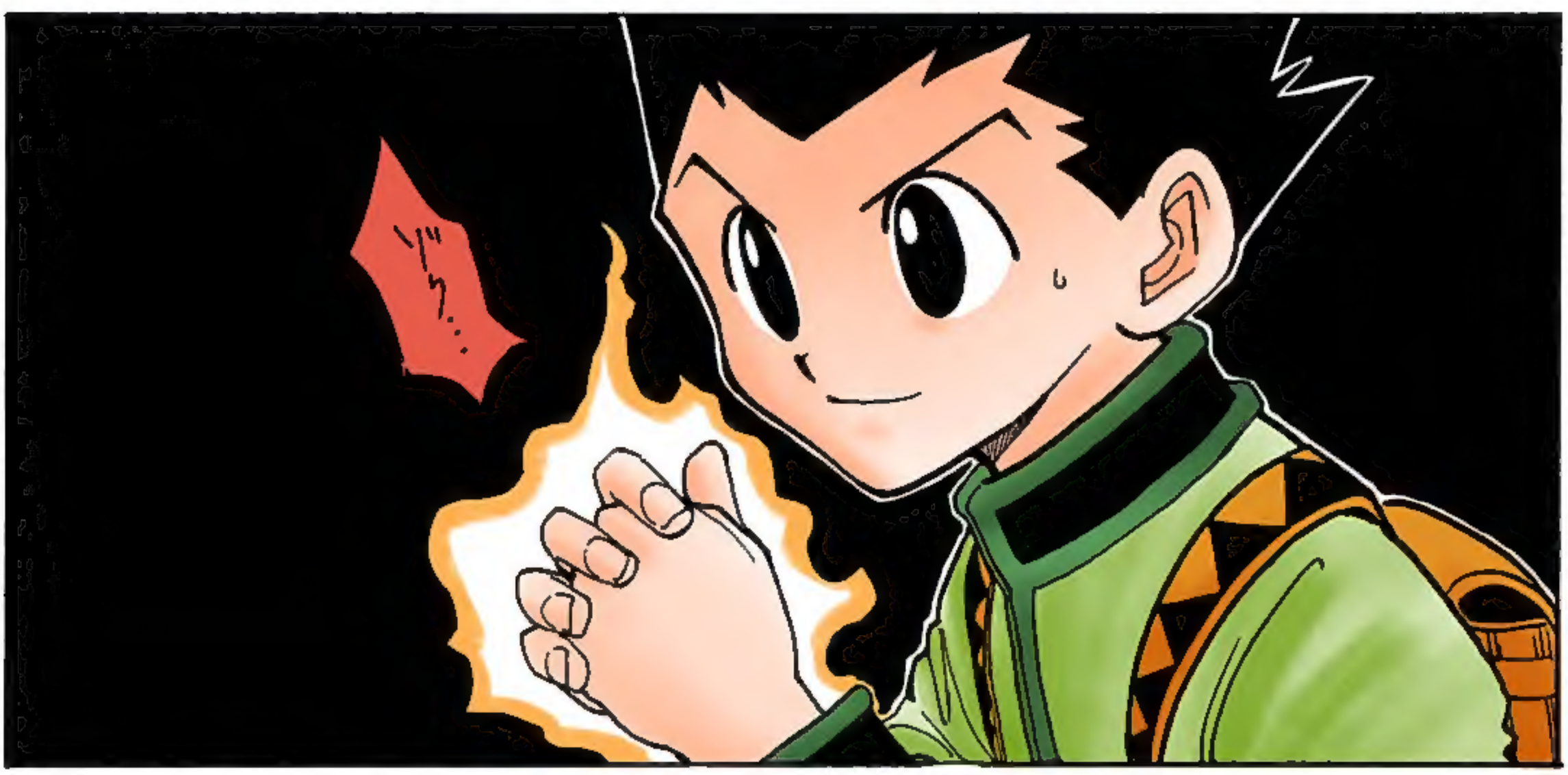
THANKS FOR WAITING.

SO I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO NOTICED.
THERE ARE SEVERAL OF THEM.
YEAH.
ARE WE BEING WATCHED?

JUST IGNORE IT.
YES, AND IF WE CAN SEE THEM FROM THIS DISTANCE, IT MEANS THEY ARE HARMLESS.




HEHEHE... THEY DON'T LOOK SAVAGE, IT'S THE SMELL OF MEN, THERE'S NO MISTAKING IT.
THEY WON'T SHOW THEMSELVES.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